



Vaccines for Children

Section 317 Funded Vaccine for the Adult Population
(19 years and older)

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As of October 1, 2012, Section 317 funded vaccine may not be used for routine vaccination of any fully-insured individual. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines fully insured as anyone with insurance that covers the cost of vaccine, even if the insurance includes a high-deductible or co-pay, or if a claim for the cost of the vaccine and administration would be denied for payment by the insurance carrier because the plan's deductible has not been met.

Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) were deputized in 2013, enabling the immunization of underinsured children with VFC vaccine instead of using Section 317 funded vaccine. Section 317 funding is now available to offer most Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended vaccines to an expanded adult population.

1. LPHAs are to utilize the following Section 317 funded vaccine for underinsured or uninsured adults who meet the following criteria:

Hepatitis A

- Healthcare personnel required to show evidence of vaccination for employment,
- Caregivers who have contact with infants less than 12 months of age, or
- Outbreak control.

2. LPHAs are to utilize the following Section 317 funded vaccines for underinsured or uninsured adults (including uninsured or underinsured high school students with all vaccines required for school attendance in Missouri).

- **Hepatitis B**
- **Hepatitis A/B (Twinrix)**
- **HPV**
- **MMR**
- **Meningococcal (Menactra/Menveo)**
- **Pneumococcal (PPSV-23)**
- **Tdap**
- **Td**
- **Varicella**

3. LPHAs may not utilize Section 317 funded vaccines to immunize adults who meet any of the following criteria unless the criteria noted in #4 is met:

- An adult with health insurance that covers immunizations,
- An adult with Medicare Part B; (unless the vaccine is not covered), or
- An adult with Medicaid coverage for vaccines.



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4. **LPHAs may utilize Section 317 funded vaccines to immunize fully insured adults who meet any of the following criteria:**
 - Household contacts of Hepatitis B infected individuals;
 - Fully insured individuals seeking vaccines during public health response activities as approved by Department of Health and Senior Services' (DHSS) Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance (BIAA) including
 - Outbreak response as declared by DHSS Bureau of Communicable Disease Control and Prevention or CDC,
 - Post-exposure prophylaxis,
 - Disaster relief efforts,
 - Mass vaccination campaigns or exercises for public health preparedness, or
 - Individuals in correctional facilities and jails, only if the correctional facility does not have the vaccine(s) and if the individual's immunization record shows that vaccine(s) is needed.
5. **LPHAs may utilize Section 317 funded vaccines at an off-site location as long as the proper cold chain protocol is followed.**
6. **LPHAs should refer to the ACIP General Recommendations on Immunization and the current CDC Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for guidance. (The Immunization Schedule indicates the administration of which currently licensed vaccines are commonly recommended for adults 19 years of age and older. The recommendations must be read with the footnotes included in the schedule.)**