



HPV Vaccine Now Fully Covered by Maryland Medicaid for Adults Up to Age 45

Maryland Medicaid has updated its coverage policy to fully reimburse providers for administering the HPV vaccine (Gardasil 9) to eligible patients **up to age 45**. This policy removes prior financial barriers and expands access to HPV-related cancer prevention for both adolescents and adults.

Key Medicaid Coverage Updates

- **Gardasil 9 is fully covered** for Maryland Medicaid and Medicaid MCO patients **ages 9–45**.
- **Ages 9–26:** ACIP recommends routine HPV vaccination.
- **Ages 27–45:** ACIP recommends **shared clinical decision-making (SCDM)** to determine whether vaccination is appropriate.



Billing and Coding for Medicaid

- **Medicaid Adults (Ages 19–45)**
 - Submit **CPT 90651** for the vaccine.
 - Bill a **separate, appropriate CPT administration code** for reimbursement.
- **Commercial Insurance Reminder**
 - For commercially insured patients (ages 9–45), bill **CPT 90651** plus a separate administration code.

Clinical Call to Action

- Strongly recommend HPV vaccination for all eligible patients ages 9–45.
- Initiate SCDM discussions with adults ages 27–45.
- Routinely assess vaccination status during visits and offer same-day vaccination when possible.

For any questions, please contact the patient's MCO provider relations.

Thank you for your partnership in cancer prevention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Niharika Khanna MD".

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