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To: Maine Immunization Program Providers
From: Maine Immunization Program
Subject: Adult Immunization Survey
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We are working to expand on our 317-funded adult vaccination program to ensure that adults 19 years and older, who are uninsured and underinsured have access to vaccinations at no cost. We are asking providers with an adult population (19 years and older) to complete this brief survey by Monday, March 14, to assist in our planning process.

Maine is a universal state and to date provides all routine vaccines at no cost to Maine children through 18 years of age. For nearly a decade, the Maine Immunization Program (MIP) has also been able to offer limited adult vaccines at no cost to uninsured or underinsured adults 19 years and older. This has been made possible by Section 317 of the Public Health Service Act, which authorized the federal purchase of vaccines to vaccinate children, adolescents, and adults. This has enabled MIP to offer HPV, Tdap, Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccines to some providers with adult patients 19 years and older. Many MIP providers have utilized this vaccine for their adult patients who meet the eligibility requirements, however, we know there may still be providers that are unaware of this program. Completing this survey will help us to gauge interest in the program, assess which adult vaccinations should be offered in addition to what is already available and understand what barriers may exist with offering adult vaccination in your office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Maine Immunization Program at 207-287-3746 or email ImmunizeME.DHHS@maine.gov.

Thank you for all you do to keep Mainers free from vaccine-preventable disease!