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Maine Covid Bridge Access Program September 2023 – December 2024 Letter of Agreement

Description of Project:

Because a national Vaccines for Adults (VFA) Program, modeled after the childhood VFC Program, has not been enacted into law as a permanent solution, limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine will be made available through the HHS Bridge Access Program (BAP)—only to public health departments, FQHCs, Community Pharmacies and Indian Health Service providers—**servicing uninsured adults (19 years and older)** to prevent loss of access. Vaccines for privately insured adults will be purchased following established mechanisms for non-COVID-19 vaccines.

Select provider sites will have access to COVID-19 vaccines for adults 19+ without insurance (uninsured individuals) coverage once COVID-19 vaccines become commercially available. This will bring to a closure the previously enacted federal pandemic COVID-19 vaccine program. Moving forward, the Bridge Access Program doses provided through federally funded COVID-19 programs will only be for eligible adults (uninsured individuals). Adult populations with insurance coverage will not be eligible to receive MIP provided monovalent COVID-19 vaccines, authorized the Fall of 2023. It is important that clinics assess patient populations served to ensure adequate vaccine supply is available and patients continue to access COVID-19 vaccines.

Participating providers will have access to order Covid-19 vaccine through the Maine Immunization Program at no charge. On a quarterly basis, provider sites will submit a report of administration and invoice for reimbursement of administration costs, at \$50 per dose administered. On a quarterly basis, the Maine Immunization program will access administration of Covid vaccine to ensure proper eligibility parameters are being met. The state will then issue a reimbursement of \$50 per administered dose of Covid vaccine. This process will continue until funds are depleted or December 2024, whichever comes first.

Vendor ID to receive reimbursement payments for administration of Covid Vaccine:

- If the provider is already receiving payments from the state of Maine, they should contact their billing department to identify their vendor ID.
- If the provider has not received payment from the state of Maine, they should fill out the attached Vendor Form.

Responsibility of Providers Participating in the Bridge Access Program:

Please read Provider responsibilities thoroughly to ensure you are fully capable and willing to participate the Bridge Program in its entirety.

- All providers participating in the Bridge program must complete or already have on file: a provider agreement with Maine Immunization Program, Impact User Agreement, Adult Enrollment form, provider profile and complete a provider enrollment visit (if one has not already been completed). Follow link to [Provider Manual](#).
- Vaccine provided through this program will be free to providers
- Due to the nature of this funding, provider's must be willing to offer vaccine to all eligible patients not just current patient populations.
- **Screening to ensure patients are 19+ and either uninsured or underinsured and documentation must occur with each vaccine administration**
- Participating providers will permit patients to attest to a lack of insurance at the point of care.
- Eligibility must be documented in Impact by selecting **V07-317 Eligible – Uninsured Adults**.

See image for more details



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- Bridge covid vaccine may only be administered to Uninsured/underinsured adults
- Participating providers will not refuse vaccination to any patient due to the patient’s inability to pay.
- Be familiar with all awardee procedures for ordering, receiving, and administering vaccines in accordance with ACIP recommendations and CDC storage and handling guidelines.
- Providers will report administration data and invoice to Maine Immunization program staff on a quarterly basis for reimbursement of administration fees (December 2023, March 2024, June 2024, September 2024, December 2024)
- Providers will email MEAdultVaccine@maine.gov on a monthly basis, by the first Wednesday of each month, to request needed Bridge program vaccine for the upcoming month and MIP staff will place an order on the provider’s behalf.

Responsibility of Maine Immunization Program:

- MIP staff will place orders monthly, on the second Wednesday of each month, on provider’s behalf based on requested doses emailed to MEAdultVaccine@maine.gov.
- Maine Immunization program will confirm all vaccine administered were given to eligible patients, based on quarterly invoice submission, quarterly tracking sheets, and impact administration documentation.
- A reimbursement of \$50 per eligible dose given will be issued to providers from MIP bridge program funding on a quarterly basis.
- Process will continue until December 31, 2024, or until funds are depleted.
- Maine Immunization Program will keep vaccine availability up to date on www.vaccines.gov. All participating Providers will be listed as having vaccine available on this site.

By signing below, we agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in this document. Additional contract terms and conditions can be found in related Maine Immunization provider agreement. Quarterly administration reports and invoice requests are to be submitted to Maine Immunization Program, Adult Team at MEAdultVaccine@maine.gov for approval. Payments will be processed by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and be reimbursed via direct deposit as instructed by the contractor.

Organization: _____

Vendor Number: _____

VFC Pin: _____

Sign: _____

Title: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Organization: Maine Immunization Program

Sign: *Caitlin Anton*

Print: Caitlin Anton

Title: Adult Vaccine Coordinator

Date: 09/13/2023