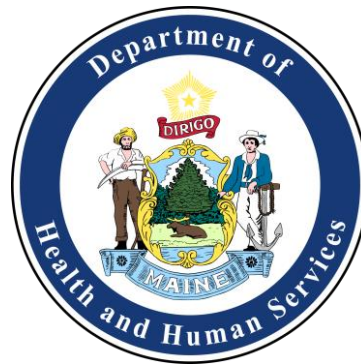


# Expansion of Maine's Universal Immunization Program to Include Adults: What Providers Need to Know

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# What is LD93?

- Expands Maine's universal program to adults 19-64 and reduces costs for both healthcare providers and patients
- Builds on Maine's universal childhood program to include adults 19-64 years
- Passed by the Maine Legislature on June 25, 2025
- Effective date: July 1, 2026

# How Does This Affect the Existing Program?

- No changes to the childhood program
- Expanded to include adults (19-64)
- All approved vaccines are available at no cost \*
  - No cost to healthcare providers for vaccine supply
  - No cost to patients for the vaccine
- Providers may bill an administration fee
  - Patients cannot be denied vaccination if unable to pay

\*For a list of approved vaccines, visit the [Maine Vaccine Board](#)

# What Does This Mean for Your Practice?

- No upfront costs for healthcare providers and patients
- Simplified vaccine ordering and inventory management
- Improved access to vaccines for adult patients
- Increased adult vaccination rates and community protection
- Enhanced support and resources
- More support and resources for providers
- Participation is voluntary

# Who is Eligible for State Supplied Vaccine?

- All individuals ages 0-64, are eligible including:
  - Uninsured
  - Underinsured
  - Privately insured
  - Enrolled in MaineCare



# What about 65+?

## **Eligibility**

- Adults 65+ on Medicare are **NOT** eligible for the expanded Universal Immunization Program

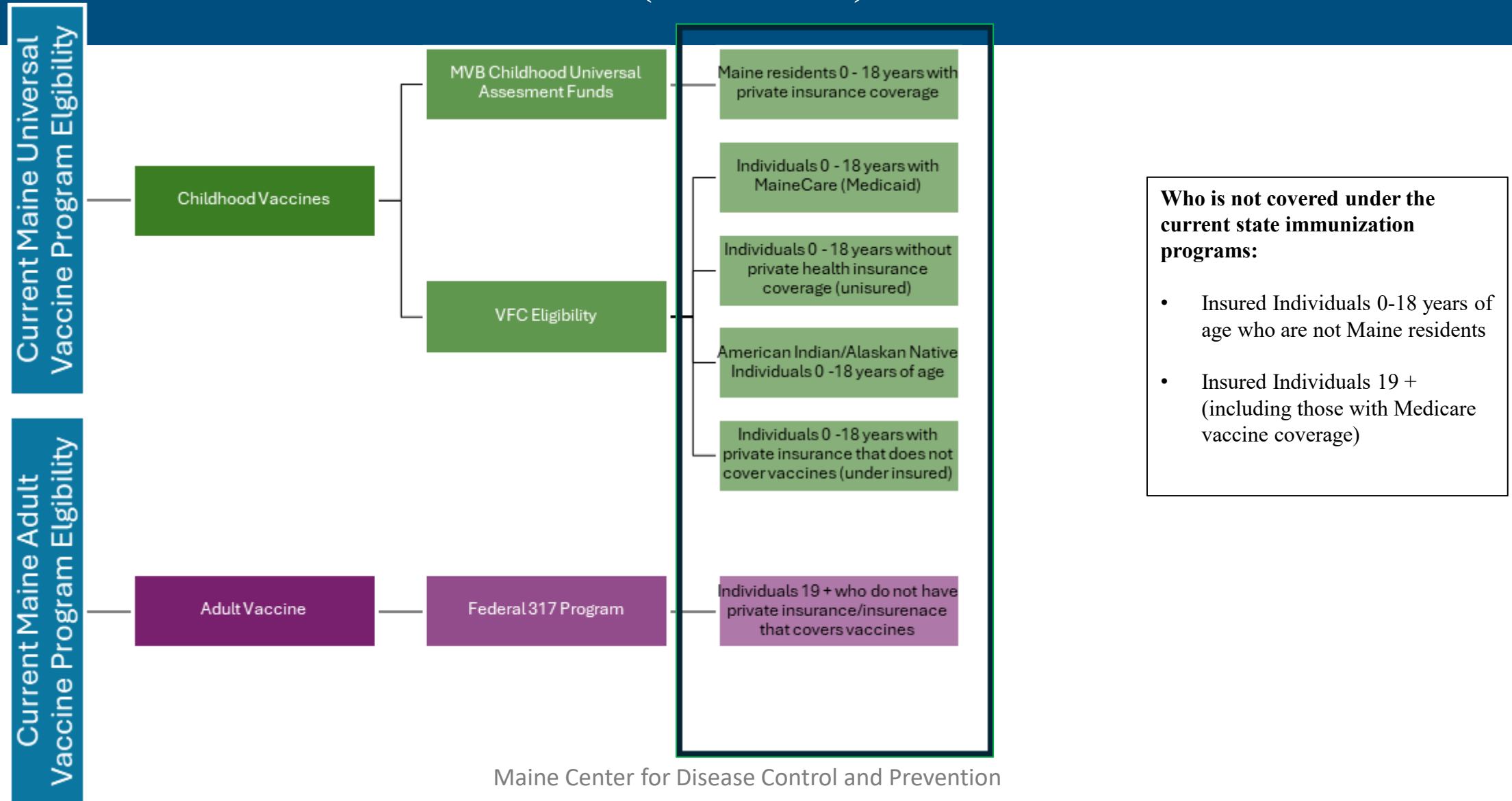
## **Coverage**

- Medicare (65+): Must be vaccinated using privately purchased vaccine

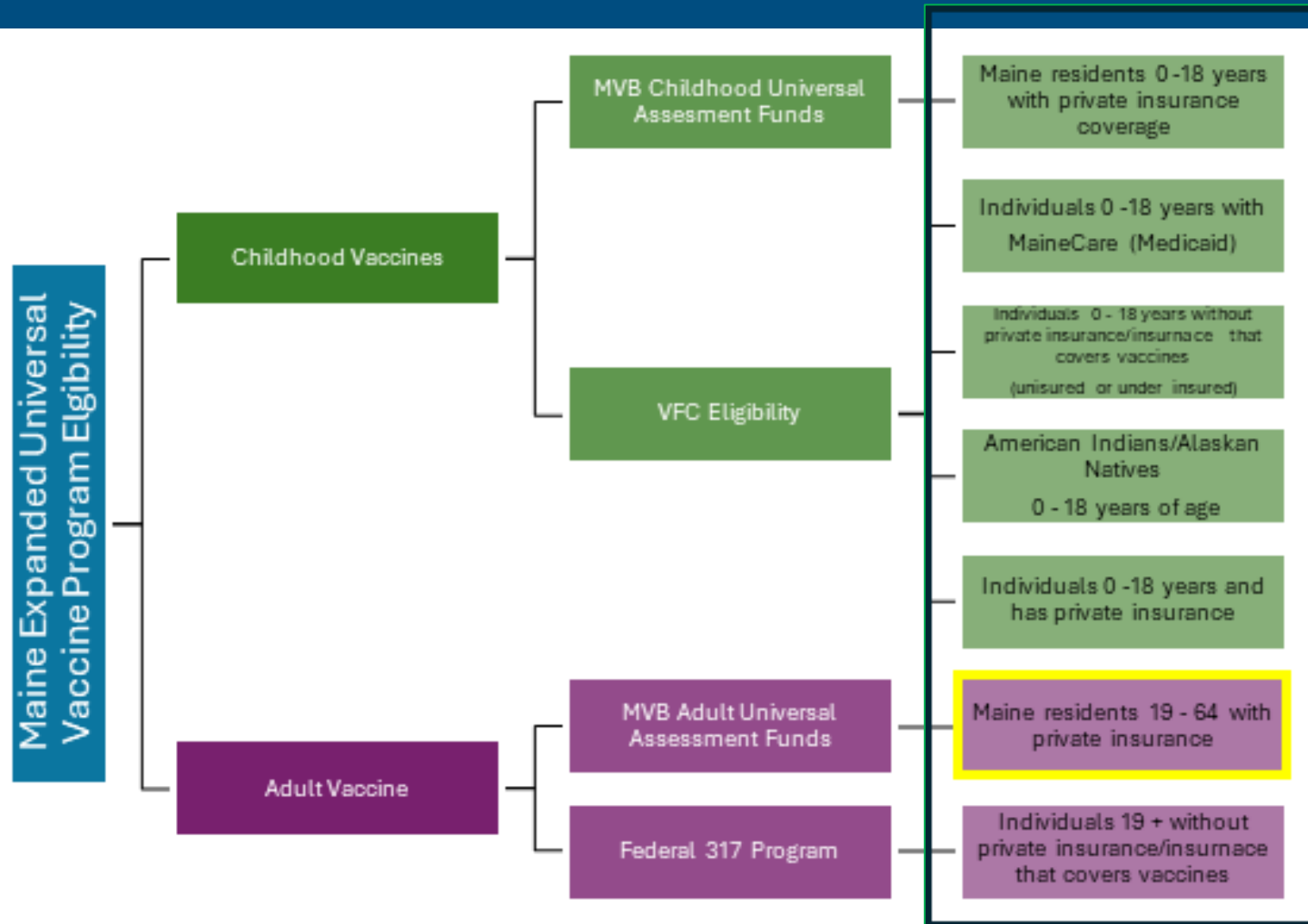
## **What this means for providers**

- Maintain private stock for Medicare (65+) patients

# Deeper Dive into Eligibility (Current)

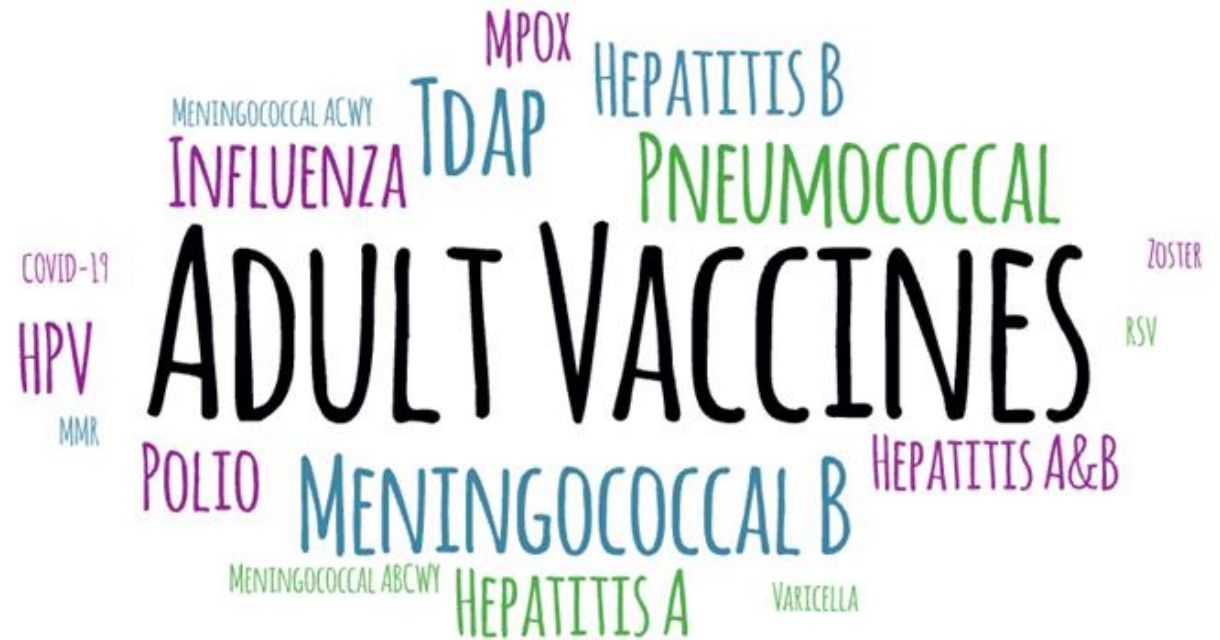


# Deeper Dive into Eligibility (After July 1, 2026)



# Which vaccines will be available?

- All routinely recommended childhood vaccines
- Anticipated: All routinely recommended adult vaccines
  - Maine Vaccine Board will vote on which vaccines to include. A final list will be available late spring.



# Ordering Flu & COVID-19 Vaccine Ordering

- **2026-2027 Season (this year):**

- Flu and COVID-19 vaccines **will NOT** be supplied through the program for **privately insured** adults aged 19-64.
  - Providers should plan to order these vaccines privately.
- Supply will be available for: uninsured and underinsured individuals.
- Flu and COVID-19 vaccines will be available for those 0 – 18 years of age during the 2027-2028 season

- **Looking Ahead:**

- Flu and COVID-19 vaccines will be included beginning Fall 2027.
- Additional guidance will be provided as we get closer to that timeframe.



# How will ordering work?

- Ordering and tracking for both childhood and adult vaccinations will be done through the Immunization Information System (IIS).
- Vaccines will be shipped from our centralized distributor (McKesson) directly to the provider office.
- Orders can be placed on an as needed basis, but we encourage providers to maintain a vaccine supply that will last 4-6 weeks.



# Enrollment: What sites are eligible?

Any provider in the state of Maine who:

Can prescribe vaccines:

- MD, DO, ND
- Physician Associate
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
- ADV-certified Pharmacist



And serves eligible patients, including:

- Uninsured
- Underinsured
- Privately insured
- MaineCare members

# How do you enroll?

Already enrolled in the Universal Childhood Vaccine Program?

- Automatically enrolled in expanded program
- MIP will provide an **Adult Vaccine Need Assessment** to complete.

Not currently enrolled?

- Contact MIP to begin enrollment
- Complete required:
  - Enrollment forms
  - Educational training

What happens next?

- MIP will guide you through the remaining steps



# What are the Program Requirements?

The expanded Program includes the same core requirements as the current program:

- User Agreements
- Required Training
- Site Visits

Vaccine accessibility

- Sites must make all recommended vaccines available
- If not stocked, must be willing to order

Reporting

- All administered state-supplied vaccines must be entered into ImmPact
- Requires data exchange between ImmPact and your EMR/EHR Temperature monitoring logs
- Vaccine reconciliation and doses administered



See [MIP Provider Policy & Procedure Manual](#) for details

# Enrollment and Annual Training

## During Enrollment:

- VFC education + quiz (online)
- New coordinator training (webinar)

## Additional Requirements:

- Annual VFC education + quiz (required)
- New coordinator training (when staff change)

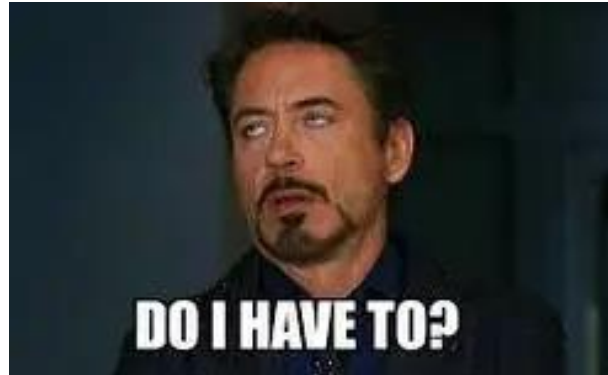
## Additional Training:

- ImmPact (IIS) training
- CDC “You Call the Shots” (storage, handling, VFC)
- MIP webinars



# What if we don't enroll?

- Providers must purchase vaccines privately (financial burden)
- No access to state-supplied, no-cost vaccines
- Limited access to ImmPact (Maine IIS)



# What Providers Need To Do Now

- Stay informed – Sign up for our listserv
- Begin preparing for enrollment:
  - Familiarize staff on program requirements (if applicable)
  - Ensure adequate vaccine storage capacity
  - Assess patient population and adult vaccine needs
  - Plan workflows for adult vaccination
- Use up existing private stock
- Contact MIP with questions or support needs

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