

Alabama's OPERATION WIPE OUT

Cervical Cancer Elimination Starts with HPV Vaccination:
How to Provide the HPV Vaccination to Patients ages 9-45



HPV Vaccine: Ages 9-18

Private Insurance:

- Private stock vaccine is purchased directly from the manufacturer (Merck or a distributor).
- Insurance is billed for the cost of the vaccine and administration fee. Reimbursement generally exceeds the cost of the vaccine.

Medicaid/No Insurance/Under-insured/ American or Alaskan Native:

- Vaccine is free for VFC* providers.
- Vaccine is shipped directly with no upfront cost.

HPV Vaccine: Ages 19-45

Private Insurance/Medicaid:

- Private stock vaccine is purchased directly from the manufacturer (Merck or a distributor).
- Insurance is billed for the cost of the vaccine and administration fee. Reimbursement generally exceeds the cost of the vaccine.

No Insurance/Under-insured:

- Some county health departments have free HPV vaccines for adults ages 19 to 45. Due to limited doses, the vaccine is only available to county health department patients.

Vaccines for Children Program (VFC)*

- Children ages 9-18 who have no insurance, are under-insured, have Medicaid, or identify as American or Alaskan Native are eligible for free HPV vaccines through VFC.
- Vaccines are provided through federal funding and shipped to VFC providers within 3-6 business days.
- Every vaccine provided is managed within Alabama's Immunization Registry ImmPRINT.
- To become a VFC provider, clinicians must enroll in the ImmPRINT system. Once enrolled, a coordinator will contact you to train on the entire process (website below).
- ImmPRINT: alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/immprint.html
- VFC Program: alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/vaccines-for-children.html

HPV Vaccine Purchasing (Merck)

- Cost: \$328.30 per dose for a minimum pack of 10 (\$3,283.40)
- A 2% prompt payment discount if paid within 60 days of invoice.
- Vaccine may be viable for up to 1 year. Check expiration dates.
- Expired vaccines are replaced for free within 1 year of expiration date.
- Refer to back page for vaccine purchasing information.



Merck Purchasing Details

- HPV vaccine may be purchased directly from Merck and indirectly from an authorized distributor (i.e., McKesson, VaxServe, Henry Schein, Besse Medical, etc.).
 - Reach out to your local Merck vaccine representative.
 - Contact Merck Vaccine Customer Center at (888) 675-6822 or visit [merckvaccines.com](https://www.merckvaccines.com).
- As of 1/5/26, current catalog price for HPV vaccine is \$3,283.40 for a minimum pack of 10 doses.
- A two percent (2%) prompt payment discount may be earned on eligible product purchases if invoice is paid within 60 days from the date of invoice.
- All products carry expiration dates, which may be greater than or less than 1 year from the date of product shipment.
- Expired vaccines must be returned within 1 year after product expiration date for reimbursement. Contact your vaccine distributor for details.



OPERATION WIPE OUT is a statewide initiative to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health problem in Alabama. In response to questions from health care providers about HPV vaccine access and coverage, a fact sheet has been developed in consultation with the Alabama Department of Public Health Immunization Division and the HPV vaccine manufacturer to support provider decision-making.

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