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APPENDIX A.

PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURER VACCINE PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Four vaccine pharmaceutical companies provide vaccine assistance programs (PAPs) to provide vaccines free of charge to eligible adults, primarily the uninsured, who could not afford needed vaccines without assistance. They are Merck, GSK, Pfizer, and Sanofi. Each company's PAP has different eligibility and application requirements. Please see specific information about each PAP below.

ELIGIBILITY: In general, the patient must:

- Be 19 years of age or older (except for Sanofi's rabies vaccine and immunoglobulin).
- Be uninsured or underinsured.
- Have a household income less than 250 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

Note: Exceptions to these criteria may be made on an individual basis.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The process generally entails these steps:

1. GSK requires that provider preregister online. This is only done once. The other PAPs do not require provider preregistration.
2. The patient registers with the program online or by faxing or mailing an application form to the program, with the provider's assistance.
3. The provider submits an additional form each time a registered patient requires additional vaccines.

Note: Providers report that it can take 10–45 minutes to receive authorization after an application form has been faxed in. The Merck PAP requires up to two business days.

TO GET STARTED, BEFORE SEEING PATIENTS:

1. Register as a provider with GSK (the other companies don't require this).
2. Print out several copies of the application forms from each of the four PAPs to have on hand for patients who may be eligible for the PAPs.
3. Provide training for appropriate staff on the use of the PAPs.
4. Keep information about the four programs, including their websites and toll-free numbers, easily available for all staff that may use it.

STEPS FOR EACH COMPANY:

GSK Vaccine Access Program

<https://www.gskforyou.com/vaccines-patient-assistance/>

1-877-822-2911

Vaccines Provided:

- Boostrix - Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine, Adsorbed
- Engerix B - Hepatitis B Vaccine (recombinant)
- Havrix – Hepatitis A Vaccine
- Twinrix - Combined Hepatitis A (inactivated virus) and Hepatitis B Vaccine

How the GSK Vaccines Access Program works:

- Prescribers [register](#) online by providing key contact information and attest to the role and responsibilities for participating in the program. When the prescriber registers online, a response is immediately sent regarding program acceptance or denial. If accepted, the prescriber is provided a registration number to use when enrolling patients or completing a [Dose Authorization Request Form](#).
- To enroll patients, the registered prescriber helps the patient complete the [application](#) and then faxes the form, with proof of income, to the GSK Vaccines Access Program at 1-877-VAC-1555. A reply of acceptance or denial will be faxed back to the prescriber, at the number provided on the application, within 10 minutes.
- If the patient is accepted into the program, the prescriber can administer the vaccine. Once accepted into the program, the patient is eligible to receive those GSK vaccines that are offered as part of the program for up to 12 months.
- Prior to administering subsequent doses to an enrolled patient, the prescriber must complete and fax a Dose Authorization Request Form. Once the prescriber has received approval, the dose can be administered.
- Vaccine usage is automatically tracked by the program and replenished on a monthly basis. The first shipment is sent 30 days after the initial dose is used to the address provided on the application.

The GSK Vaccines Access Program does not pay for administrative fees or other office visit fees.

Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program

<http://www.merckhelps.com/HCPs.aspx#>

1-800-293-3881

Vaccines provided:

- Gardasil 9 - Human Papillomavirus 9-valent Vaccine, Recombinant
- M-M-R II - Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Virus Vaccine Live
- Pneumovax23 - Pneumococcal Vaccine Polyvalent
- Recombivax HB - Hepatitis B Vaccine, Recombinant
- Vaqta - Hepatitis A Vaccine, Inactivated
- Varivax - Varicella Virus Vaccine Live
- Zostavax - Zoster Vaccine Live

How the Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program works:

- Providers do **not** have to preregister for the Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program.
- Both the patient and the provider must complete and sign the two-page [Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program Application](#).
- Fax both pages of the completed and signed application to 1-800-528-2551.
- A dose of Merck vaccine should not be administered until after the Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program provides a confirmation number. This includes subsequent doses in a multi-dose series as a new application for each dose is required. **Doses of vaccine administered prior to application submission and/or receipt of a confirmation number will not receive replacement product.**
- Merck will replace the doses of vaccine administered to approved patients via quarterly shipments to the licensed prescriber.

Notes: Merck retains the right to select either prefilled syringes or vials for replacement doses, which may or may not be the same as what was administered to approved patients. MMR and Pneumovax23 are not available in single-dose units; therefore, these vaccines can be shipped only when the minimum threshold is reached.

Pfizer Vaccine Replacement Program

www.pfizerRxpathways.com

1-866-706-2400

Vaccine provided:

- Prevnar 13 - Pneumococcal 13-valent Conjugate Vaccine (Diphtheria CRM197 Protein)

How the Pfizer Vaccine Replacement Program works:

- Confirm patient eligibility using the four-page [Enrollment Form for Group C Medicines](#).
- To start the application process, call Pfizer RxPathways at 1-866-706-2400 to confirm patient's eligibility and obtain a unique vaccine replacement approval number before submitting the completed application.
- Complete the enrollment form and fax it to 1-866-470-1748.

The prescriber's stock of the vaccine is refilled after giving it to approved patients.

Sanofi Patient Assistance Connection

<https://www.visitspconline.com>

1-888-847-4877

Vaccines provided:

- Adacel - Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Cellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed
- Imogam - Rabies-HT Immune Globulin, (Human) USP, Heat Treated
- Imovax - Rabies Vaccine (Human Diploid Cell)
- Menactra - Meningococcal (Groups A, C, Y and W-135) Polysaccharide Diphtheria Toxoid Conjugate Vaccine
- Menomune - Meningococcal Polysaccharide Vaccines Groups A, C, Y and W-135 Combined
- Tenivac - Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids Adsorbed

How the Sanofi Patient Assistance Connection works:

- Providers have to register for the Sanofi Patient Assistance Connection through the provider portal (<https://www.visitspconline.com/>), to enroll and manage their patients into a suite of patient access services. The secure, web-based provider portal is available to give access to patient case status updates, including status of authorization of PAP application, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - Providers can download the Patient Application form under Quick Links. Click "Download Application Form", also found directly here: http://www.sanofipatientconnection.com/media/pdf/SPC_Application_2016.pdf
 - The provider must complete and sign sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Patient Connection Application. The patient must complete and sign Section 5.
 - The provider can submit the completed and signed application through:
 - Fax to 1-888-847-1797, or
 - Secure Provider Portal: www.visitspconline.com
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