

Protecting Free Vaccines Act of 2025

Ranking Members Pallone, Neal, and Scott and Senators Wyden and Sanders introduce legislation to protect health insurance coverage for vaccines without cost-sharing, as intended by Congress.

As Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. dismantles our vaccine infrastructure and undermines confidence and support for safe and effective vaccines, **this bill ensures vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) as of October 2024 continue to be covered without cost-sharing**, regardless of what Secretary Kennedy's handpicked quacks now installed on ACIP recommend or change moving forward.

The bill:

- Maintains current-law requirements that newly approved and recommended vaccines are covered, while newly requiring private insurance plans, Medicaid, and Medicare Part D to continue to cover immunizations recommended by ACIP as of October 25, 2024, which was the last ACIP meeting prior to RFK Jr.'s takeover of ACIP at the beginning of this Administration.
- Ensures that people with private coverage, Medicare, and Medicaid **can continue to receive routine immunizations at zero cost**, as is required by the Affordable Care Act and the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Does not change the process for new vaccines to be approved and recommended by ACIP moving forward. Instead, the bill only provides **a coverage backstop** to prevent insurance plans from *removing* coverage should ACIP no longer recommend certain vaccines or change the recommended populations who should receive certain vaccines.

In most cases, zero-cost immunization coverage is tied to the recommendations made by ACIP. Therefore, for example, should the newly corrupted ACIP change or narrow the recommendations for the Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (MMRV) vaccine or the Hepatitis B vaccine – both of which are on the agenda for the ACIP meeting on September 18 and 19 – this bill requires that coverage without cost-sharing be maintained in Medicare, Medicaid, and the private health insurance market. These changes would sunset in 2030, in hopes that a new administration would restore ACIP to its evidence-based roots.

Protecting Free Vaccines Act is endorsed by: American Public Health Association; March of Dimes; Vaccinate Your Family; American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; American College of Physicians; American Academy of Family Physicians; and American Academy of Pediatrics

Please join us in sponsoring the *Protecting Free Vaccines Act* in order to ensure our constituents can maintain zero-cost vaccine coverage and can continue to protect themselves and their families from vaccine-preventable diseases.