

## What is the Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program?

Through MerckHelps, the Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program provides free adult vaccines including Gardasil®9 for people who do not have health insurance or prescription drug coverage.

### Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program Fact Sheet

#### ➤ Where can I get an enrollment form?

You can obtain the Merck Patient Assistance Program application by downloading the form from the Merck Helps website or calling Merck at 1-800-293-3881.

#### ➤ What documentation is required to complete the application form?

A completed enrollment form must be signed by the patient and physician/prescriber. The form must then be faxed to the Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance team (1-800-528-3551) to determine if the patient is eligible for donated vaccine. Following review of the form, the Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance team will notify the health care provider within 10 minutes whether the patient is approved for donated vaccine. Please fax forms during business hours for a response within the 10 minute timeframe (8 AM – 8 PM ET, Monday – Friday). (Note: If the vaccine is provided under standing orders, a signed addendum form can be submitted in place of a licensed prescriber)

#### ➤ When does enrollment in the program expire/end?

Enrollment in the Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program ends after the first use of an individual vaccine. You must submit a new enrollment form for each vaccine needed, including subsequent doses in a multidose series or an entirely new vaccine.

#### ➤ Does the Merck Patient Assistance Program secure patient information?

Yes. Patient information is shared only with the Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program and their affiliates indicated on the enrollment form.

#### ➤ Who qualifies for the program?

A patient may be eligible for the program if he or she meets 3 qualifications:

- Live in the United States and are 19 to 26 years of age **AND**
- Have no health insurance coverage (examples of health insurance coverage include private insurance, HMOs, PPOs, college health plans, Medicaid, etc.) **AND**
- have an annual household income less than:
  - \$49,960 or less for individuals
  - \$67,640 or less for couples
  - \$103,000 or less for a family of 4
- Patients that do not meet the insurance criteria may still qualify for this program if they can provide evidence of special circumstances of financial and medical hardship, and their income meets the program criteria.

#### ➤ Will I be charged for vaccine?

No. Vaccines for adults distributed through the Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program are free to all eligible patients. The vaccine dose will be administered from the provider's vaccine stock, Merck will replace the dose for free within one month.

**Program Contact Information: 1-800-293-3881 | Hours: 8 AM – 8 PM ET | Days: Monday – Friday**