



## Provider Alert




**To:** Sharp Health Plan Providers and Office Staff  
**Attn:** Primary Care Physicians and Utilization Management Staff  
**From:** Sharp Health Plan  
**Date:** October 8, 2025  
**Subject:** AB 144 Coverage of Preventive Care Services

Dear Provider Partners,

Assembly Bill 144 (AB 144) ensures California enrollees can continue to access necessary preventive care services and is immediately in effect. Beginning on September 17, 2025, Sharp Health Plan will cover immunizations for its commercial plan members based on the provisions of AB 144, which codifies the recommendations of federal bodies such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that were in effect on January 1, 2025, and allows the California Department of Public Health to supplement those recommendations, as needed.

### What AB 144 means for you

Sharp Health Plan will cover COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) immunizations without cost-sharing or prior authorization for all age groups based on the chart below.

Age/Condition	COVID-19	Influenza	RSV
<b>Children</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All 6-23 months</li><li>• All 2-18 years with risk factors or never vaccinated against COVID-19</li><li>• All who are in close contact with others with risk factors<sup>1</sup></li><li>• All who choose protection<sup>1</sup></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All 6 months and older</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All younger than 8 months<sup>2</sup></li><li>• All 8-19 months with risk factors</li></ul>
<b>Pregnancy</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All who are planning pregnancy, pregnant, postpartum or lactating</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All who are planning pregnancy, pregnant, postpartum or lactating</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 32-36 weeks gestational age<sup>2</sup></li></ul>
<b>Adults</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All 65 years and older</li><li>• All younger than 65 years with risk factors</li><li>• All who are in close contact with others with risk factors</li><li>• All who choose protection</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All 75 years and older</li><li>• All 50-74 years with risk factors</li></ul>

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This coverage is based on the following criteria:

- An evidence-based item or service in effect on January 1, 2025, or later with a rating of “A” or “B” in the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).
- Immunizations in effect as of January 1, 2025, recommended by Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and/or the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
- Recommended childhood immunization schedule/United States, jointly adopted as of January 1, 2025, by the American Academy of Pediatrics, ACIP and the American Academy of Family Physicians.
- Per AB 144, Sharp Health Plan will continue to cover these services even if the USPSTF, ACIP or HRSA removes or downgrades its recommendations.
- If the CDPH publishes updated recommendations, the Plan will cover the modifications or supplements within 15 business days of such updated recommendations.

Please note that the vaccine coverage in this alert does not apply to Sharp Health Plan members under Federal Employees Benefits Program and Medicare Advantage benefit plans.

Questions? Please contact our provider account management team at 1-858-499-8330 or [provider.relations@sharp.com](mailto:provider.relations@sharp.com). Thank you for your partnership.

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