



**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR MARYLAND'S STATE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR COVERAGE OF THE
ADMINISTRATION OF MONKEYPOX VACCINATIONS**

The Maryland Department of Health is amending the State Plan to include coverage for the administration of all vaccines for which the federal government pays for the cost of ingredients. At this time, MDH is specifically proposing to provide coverage for administration of monkeypox and/or smallpox vaccinations. Vaccinations may be administered by providers for whom vaccine administration is within their scope of practice.

Effective for dates of services on or after August 1, 2022, payments for the administration of monkeypox vaccinations are paid at a rate of \$23.28 per dose.

The adult population (18 and older) who have HIV or are otherwise immunocompromised would be the priority population to receive these vaccines. The monkeypox vaccine requires two doses (\$46.56), and the smallpox vaccine requires one dose (\$23.28). Total cost to administer the vaccinations is estimated to be \$890,460 (50% State General Funds and 50% Federal Funds).

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