

Financial Concerns

“Why is my insurance being charged if the vaccine is supposed to be free?”

“Up until Fall 2023, the government had paid for all Covid vaccines and provided them for free to anyone, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay. However, Covid vaccines have now transitioned to the commercial market, which means the government is no longer paying. Instead, how vaccines are paid for and whether they are covered by insurance will now be determined by insurance market rules and regulations. Fortunately, most people with insurance will still be able to get the vaccine for free.” ³⁴

“I don’t have health insurance so I don’t think I could afford the vaccine.”

“You may be able to obtain a free vaccine through your local health department or nearby health clinics. Try calling your local health department to find out what your options are. You can find a local health department [HERE](#). There are also health centers across the country that provide vaccines to patients and adjust their fees based on income and family size. You can find a health center near you [HERE](#). There is also the Vaccines for Children, VFC, program ⁶¹ that provides vaccines at no cost to eligible children through healthcare providers enrolled in the program.”