



Pandemic, new rule increase Medicaid enrollment



Enrollment in Medicaid in Alabama has increased during the coronavirus pandemic, up more than 46,000 recipients since last year and surpassing a previous enrollment high set in 2015.

Alabama Medicaid has retained an average of about 10,000 additional recipients per month since April 2020, the agency told Alabama Daily News. Enrollment in July was 1,092,935 statewide.

"This is mainly due to the (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) requirement allowing continued coverage for recipients throughout the COVID-19 national emergency," agency

spokeswoman Melanie Cleveland said.

This March, in response to federal CARES Act requirements, Alabama Medicaid, the health care provider for the state's poor and disabled, announced it will not terminate individuals from Medicaid coverage during the COVID-19 emergency if they were already enrolled in the program or became enrolled during the emergency period. People can be removed if they move out of the state or voluntarily terminate their eligibility.

[Read the story from Alabama Daily News](#)

AMA Update: A look at the latest news on CDC guidance and vaccine trials



Number of Americans killed

by coronavirus now matches Huntsville's population



The U.S. death toll from the coronavirus topped 200,000 Tuesday, a figure unimaginable eight months ago when the scourge first reached the world's richest nation with its state-of-the-art laboratories, top-flight scientists and stockpiles of medicines and emergency supplies.

"It is completely unfathomable that we've reached this point," said Jennifer Nuzzo, a Johns Hopkins University public health researcher.

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Surge in Opioid Overdoses Linked to COVID-19



The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an surge in opioid overdose deaths, a new study confirms.

The number of nonfatal opioid-related overdose visits to the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Medical Center emergency department (ED) surged from 102 between March and June 2019 (pre-pandemic) to 227 between March and June 2020, the first four months of the pandemic — an increase of 123%.

In contrast, compared with the spring of 2019, the total number of heart attack diagnoses decreased from 41 to 31 (-24%) and the number of all ED visits fell from 36,565 to 26,061 (-29%) in the spring of 2020, report the authors, led by Taylor Ochalek, PhD, with the VCU Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology in Richmond.

[Read the story from Medscape](#)



ATTENTION ImmPRINT Providers!

Order Free Adult Flu Vaccine

Beginning October 1, healthcare providers can order a minimum of 100 doses of **free** adult flu vaccine as an enrolled ImmPRINT provider. To enroll in ImmPRINT, visit

<https://siis.state.al.us/ImmPrint/login/login.aspx>*

If you are a nursing home or independent pharmacy, we can assist with paying for new interfaces to ImmPRINT by emailing immprint@adph.state.al.us.

Adult Flu Vaccine Target Audience

- Adults aged 19 years of age and older at-risk for flu complications**
 - Pregnant women
 - Adults in congregate living and other high-density living settings
 - People who have medical conditions including the following:
Asthma, chronic lung disease, heart disease, blood disorders (such as sickle cell disease), kidney disorders, liver disorders, weakened immune systems due to disease or medication (such as HIV/AIDS or cancer), or people with extreme obesity
- Live in AL county with low influenza vaccination coverage (includes all counties in AL)
- Part of a coverage disparity group, race, sex, or socioeconomic status

Free Ancillary Supplies

Masks	Needles	Sharps container	Coolers
Face shields	Syringes	Alcohol swabs	Digital data loggers
Gloves	Band-aids	No touch thermometers	Tents

Available Influenza Vaccine Ordering via ImmPRINT After **October 1, 2020**

100 doses per order minimum

Manufacturer	Brand	P Free	ETA	Total Doses
AstraZeneca	FluMist-Quad	Yes	Oct	30,650
GSK	Fluarix-Quad	Yes	Oct-Dec	23,580
GSK	FluLaval-Quad	Yes	Oct-Dec	23,580
Sanofi	Fluzone-Quad		Nov-Jan	14,420
Sanofi	Fluzone-Quad	Yes	Nov-Jan	48,710
Seqirus USA, Inc	Flucelvax-Quad	Yes	Oct-Dec	39,790
Seqirus USA, Inc	Flucelvax-Quad		Oct-Dec	23,580
Seqirus USA, Inc	Afluria-Quad	Yes	Oct-Dec	16,240
Total				220,550

*All administered free adult flu doses must be entered into ImmPRINT via interface (HL7 connectivity) or manually within 72 hours for accountability purposes to receive more free vaccine. Additionally, reimbursement billing for the vaccine cost is not permitted, but an administrative fee can be requested.

**Please refer to the Influenza Fast Flyer, page 2.

https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/assets/influenza_disease_and_vac_flyer.pdf

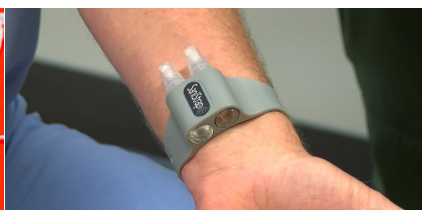


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