

Immunization Cost Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jen Plumb

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill requires insurers to provide reimbursement for vaccine costs to out-of-network physicians.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- requires insurers to provide reimbursement for vaccine costs to out-of-network physicians.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

31A-22-662, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **31A-22-662** is enacted to read:

31A-22-662 . Immunization cost reimbursement.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Qualifying physician" means an individual:

(i) licensed under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; and

(ii) that does not contract, personally or through another entity, with any health benefit plan to be a paneled provider for a health benefit plan.

(b)(i) "Vaccine cost" means the cost of purchasing a vaccine from a pharmaceutical company.

(ii) "Vaccine cost" does not include any fee or payment for the service of recommending, prescribing, or providing a vaccine to an individual.

- 32 (2)(a) A health benefit plan shall reimburse a qualifying physician's vaccine cost
- 33 incurred by the qualifying physician for providing a covered vaccine to the health
- 34 benefit plan's enrollee.
- 35 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), the reimbursement described in Subsection
- 36 (2)(a) shall be equal to the vaccine cost the health benefit plan would reimburse an
- 37 out-of-network physician.
- 38 (c) If a health benefit plan does not have an out-of-network rate, then the reimbursement
- 39 shall be equal to the amount the health benefit plan would reimburse at an in-network
- 40 rate.

41 Section 2. **Effective date.**

42 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.