



TOPIC: Announcing NCCMP's *Adult Vaccination Awareness Campaign- ALL-VAX*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: We are pleased to announce the launch of the NCCMP's new *Adult Vaccination Awareness Campaign* and its website, www.All-Vax.org. All-Vax is designed to help multiemployer funds raise awareness about the importance of staying current on adult immunizations against the vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) on the schedule established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. VPDs, including influenza, pneumococcal disease, shingles and hepatitis, cost multiemployer plans, other health care payers and individuals billions of dollars annually and result in millions of lost work days. Reducing the occurrence and treatment costs of VPDs by taking steps to raise the adult vaccination rate is a priority of US public health agencies and a mandate of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) starting in 2015.

ACA requires that health plans provide a series of VPD immunizations and a list of additional preventive medical benefits in-network at no patient out-of-pocket cost. This mandate imposes up-front costs on payers, including multiemployer funds. Effective communications from funds are critical to minimizing confusion and addressing these requirements in the most beneficial and cost-effective way possible.

The All-Vax website provides tools that funds can use to promote adult immunization, including a set of information documents developed by NCCMP that are accessible for reading and printing, and links to additional resources for those who want to learn more. Funds can download and print materials for distribution, and can also include links to www.All-Vax.org on their existing websites. These resources will help participants stay healthy and on the job, with the goal of reducing the higher costs of doctor visits, hospitalizations and additional treatments. NCCMP will continue to add materials and refresh the site to keep All-Vax current, as CDC continuously monitors vaccines and updates its recommendations based on the latest science.

All-Vax is part of NCCMP's new **United for Healthy Living Campaign**. United for Healthy Living will help multiemployer funds optimize their resources for significant health-related challenges facing their participants. United for Healthy Living now includes All-Vax as well as the ongoing work of our **United Against Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Campaign (UAD / CVD)** (www.UnitedAgainstDiabetes.org), which we are now updating to make it more useful to funds. We thank our long-time Annual Conference partner **Pfizer, Inc.** for generously supporting the start-up of these programs through unrestricted grants.

Going forward, United for Healthy Living will explore opportunities for adding more information services for funds and providing additional tools that will help them address major health care challenges and cost drivers. We look forward to working with you to improve these programs and develop new programs with additional resources to help serve the multiemployer community.

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