Collaborative Practice Agreement

Frequently Asked Questions

Program

How does this program help Health Mart® pharmacies provide vaccines for their customers?
This program provides Health Mart pharmacies with a state-specific, physician-signed Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA), which allows certified pharmacists to administer vaccines without individual prescriptions. Our solution provides Health Mart pharmacies with a quick and convenient way to secure their CPA to administer vaccines in their store.

What does the program cost?
The program costs $199 for a Collaborative Practice Agreement that is valid for one year.

What are the criteria for participation in this program?
The program is available to Health Mart pharmacies in all states that require Collaborative Agreements for immunizations. The states that do NOT require Collaborative Practice Agreements are: Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, California, Arizona, Alaska, New Mexico, Louisiana, West Virginia, Maryland, New Hampshire, and South Carolina.

When can I enroll?
You may enroll in the program at any time throughout the year. However, depending on when you enroll, you will receive your signed Collaborative Practice Agreement in either April or August.

- If you enroll between August 2 and April 1, you will receive your signed CPA in April. The agreement is valid for one year.
- If you enroll between April 2 and August 1, you will receive your signed CPA in August. The agreement is valid for one year.

What if I miss the April 1 enrollment deadline and enroll on April 15 (for example)?
If you enroll on April 15, you will receive your CPA after the second deadline, in August.

How do I enroll in the program?
To enroll in the program, visit the online enrollment platform: http://my.healthmart.com/vsk/enroll

What happens when I enroll?
During the enrollment process you will review and sign the program contracts, as well as acknowledge the draft of the Collaborative Practice Agreement for your state. After enrolling,
you will receive a confirmation email with copies of your signed contracts. Depending on when you enroll, you will receive your signed CPA in April or August.

**Can I re-enroll after one year?**
You will be contacted after one year to confirm whether you would like to re-enroll in the program. If you do not opt out of the program, you will be re-enrolled and charged $199. You’ll receive your updated CPA via email.

**Whom can I contact if I have questions?**
Please contact [immunize@mckesson.com](mailto:immunize@mckesson.com) with any questions about the program.

**Collaborative Practice Agreement**

**What is a Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA)?**
A CPA is a document, signed by a certified physician, authorizing a pharmacy to provide specific vaccines to patients without individual prescriptions. Without a CPA, most pharmacies can still provide vaccinations, but would need prescriptions for each individually dispensed vaccine. Laws for CPAs vary by state. As part of this program, customers will receive a drafted CPA from the third-party service platform, Bula Law.

**What does the Collaborative Practice Agreement cover?**
The CPA will cover all vaccinations and patient populations currently authorized for pharmacist-administered vaccines in your state. For example, if pharmacists are able to provide flu, shingles, and pneumococcal vaccinations in your state, all three vaccinations will be included on your CPA.

**Who drafts the Collaborative Practice Agreement?**
The CPA is developed by Bula Law, a third-party provider of pharmacy regulatory intelligence.

**Does the Collaborative Practice Agreement cover all of my store locations?**
If you enroll multiple store locations (under common ownership) in the CPA program, you will receive a separate CPA for each location. Your CPA will include a list of pharmacists eligible to administer vaccines in that store. You will only be charged once ($199) if you enroll multiple store locations in the program, as long as they are under common ownership and in the same state.

**Signing Physician**

**What physician is signing my Collaborative Practice Agreement?**
Physician signatures are sourced and obtained by a third-party partner, Jackson & Coker. Jackson & Coker sources physicians who currently practice in your pharmacy’s state, hold an active medical license and are eligible to sign CPAs.

**Do I need to contact the physician who signs my Collaborative Practice Agreement?**
The CPA outlines your state requirements for contacting or providing vaccine reports to the signing physician. Please use the fax number included on your CPA to contact the physician. If
you have further questions about the physician, you can email immunize@mckesson.com for assistance.

Some states have strict requirements about how close the supervising physician must be to the pharmacy. Does the CPA program adhere to these regulations? Yes. The physician chosen to sign your CPA will comply with all state regulations.

**Updating my CPA**

Can I make changes to my CPA throughout the year?  
You should not make changes to your CPA on your own. Most changes will require you to wait until you renew your CPA with Health Mart after one year. Please email immunize@mckesson.com to confirm what changes could be made to your CPA.

My pharmacy staff has changed. Can I add or remove the pharmacists listed on my CPA?  
In some cases Health Mart is able to make updates to the list of pharmacists on your CPA free of charge. Please email immunize@mckesson.com to confirm whether your state allows changes to the pharmacists on the CPA without a new physician signature. If you’re state allows pharmacist changes, Health Mart will update your CPA and send you a new copy. This typically takes about 1 week.