

ASN Bridge Program Updates - Task Force of Border Health Officials

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ASN Bridge Program COVID-19 Vaccine

Patient Eligibility

- The COVID-19 vaccine will be available to *Uninsured* and *Underinsured* adults under the Texas Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program.
 - ASN patient eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine is 19 years of age and older, uninsured, and underinsured.
 - **Uninsured:** Refers to a person who does not have Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance.
 - **Underinsured:** Refers to a person who has health insurance, but the insurance does not cover COVID-19 vaccines; a person whose medical insurance does not provide first-dollar coverage (i.e., copay-free coverage) of COVID-19 vaccinations.
 - **First-dollar coverage:** Refers to health care services, such as COVID-19 vaccinations, covered pre-deductible and without any cost-sharing.
- Please note that ASN Providers **cannot** charge an administration fee for the COVID-19 vaccine.



ASN Bridge Program COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Responsibility

- Participating providers will complete the following:
 - Sign an updated provider agreement outlining requirements, including specific Program requirements (during new/re-enrollment).
 - Utilize an updated ASN Patient Screening Form
 - Updated screening form will be shared prior to ordering date.
 - It is required to screen patients prior to every ASN vaccination.
 - Participate in compliance site visits including unannounced visits, and other educational opportunities associated with ASN Program requirements as recommended by DSHS.
- Participating providers are highly encouraged to report ASN vaccine doses into the Texas Immunization Registry, ImmTrac2.

