

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: November 17, 2021

SUBJECT: Flu Vaccine for Uninsured Low-Income Adults

PRESENTER: Steve Smith, Health Director

ATTACHMENTS:

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Health was informed at their October 12, 2021 meeting that access to several programs providing free flu vaccinations to uninsured adults had been reduced or eliminated this year. Given the frequent requests from this population for assistance, the Board of Health was presented with a proposal to provide up to 400 doses of flu vaccine free of charge for uninsured adults without the ability to pay the fee. The board was also assured that doing so would not compromise current revenue forecasts within the public health budget. The Henderson County Board of Health subsequently approved a motion by unanimous vote to support the proposal and to forward it to the Henderson County Board of Commissioners for consideration and approval.

Note: Uninsured children are already provided no cost flu vaccinations through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program administered by the Department of Public Health.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the provision of 400 doses of flu vaccine at no cost to uninsured low-income adults on an as needed basis within the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board approve the provision of 400 flu vaccinations at no cost during the 2021-2022 fiscal year to address the needs of uninsured low-income adults.