

MERCK GARDASIL (HPV) VACCINE PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

THE APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE YOU RECEIVE THE VACCINE

Because there is very little public funding for vaccinating adults in the United States, Merck Pharmaceutical Company created the Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program for Gardasil. You may be eligible for the program if all three of the following apply:

- You live in the U. S. and are between the ages of 19 and 26. You do not have to be a U.S. citizen.
- You have no health insurance or your insurance does not cover vaccinations.
- Your annual household income is less than:
 - \$21,660 for individuals
 - \$29,140 for couples
 - \$44,100 for a family of four

If you do not meet these criteria, you may still qualify for the vaccine program if you have special circumstances of financial and medical hardship. Upper income limit for exceptions is:

- \$43,320 for individuals
- \$58,280 for couples
- \$88,200 for a family of four

1. To download a Gardasil Patient Assistance Application go to health.unl.edu or pick one up at the University Health Center Information Desk. Complete and sign page one of the application.
2. Bring the completed application to UHC's Information Desk. Merck must approve your application before you can get the vaccine through their program.
3. Annette Hraban (Patient Assistance Program Coordinator, Telephone: 472-7479) will fax your application to Merck. If you have any type of insurance, Merck will fax back an appeal form. You will need to come back to UHC and sign this appeal. After the appeal form has been faxed, Annette will notify you of your approval status. If you do not hear from us in 10 days, please call 472-7479 to check on the status of your application. **After you are approved**, call 472-5000 to schedule an appointment for the vaccine. There will be a \$6.00 injection fee for each dose.
4. **The HPV vaccine is given in three doses over several months. A new application for each dose is required. Please submit this application 2-3 weeks BEFORE your next injection is due.**
5. If you have any questions about the Merck program, you may call 1-800-727-5400, 8am - 8 pm ET, Monday - Friday.