

September 18, 2025

David Joyner  
CEO  
CVS Health  
151 Farmington Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06156

Dear Mr. Joyner,

I write to you today to share my deep concerns about the upcoming Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting and ask for your continued partnership on efforts to protect public health and ensure access to critical health care services. The upcoming ACIP meeting scheduled for this Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> could include recommendation votes on the Covid vaccine, Hepatitis B vaccine, and MMRV vaccine. While details about the specific considerations remain sparse, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kennedy's hand-selected advisory committee has already demonstrated that members hold deep political biases, legitimize vaccine misinformation, and promote vaccine recommendations that lack scientific evidence. In the absence of evidence-based policy making under current-HHS leadership, it is critical that leaders throughout our health care system reaffirm their commitment to ensuring that health care is informed by science, not conspiracy.

As one of the largest health insurance providers in the United States, I respectfully request that CVS Health publicly pledge to provide continued coverage of routine use immunizations recommended by America's leading professional medical societies without out-of-pocket costs. During these uncertain times, your continued leadership in ensuring access to science-based health care services is critical to the health and safety of all Americans.

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Undoubtedly, our country is facing a crisis of science. Should ACIP vote during this week's meeting to roll back existing vaccine recommendations without sufficient scientific evidence, decades of medical progress will be erased, and the health and safety of all Americans will be at risk. In the absence of trustworthy, evidence-based decision making at HHS, our leaders throughout the health care system have an opportunity to commit unequivocally to upholding science and protecting public health. On behalf of the millions of Americans whose lives have been protected because of advent of immunizations, I urge CVS Health to publicly commit to providing continued health insurance coverage of routine use vaccinations without out-of-pocket costs based on the available scientific evidence. Your commitment to ensuring access to high-quality health care is more important than ever, and I look forward to continuing to partner with your organization as we navigate these uncertain times.

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Gail Koziara Boudreaux  
CEO  
Elevance Health  
220 Virginia Ave,  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Boudreaux,

I write to you today to share my deep concerns about the upcoming Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting and ask for your continued partnership on efforts to protect public health and ensure access to critical health care services. The upcoming ACIP meeting scheduled for this Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> could include recommendation votes on the Covid vaccine, Hepatitis B vaccine, and MMRV vaccine. While details about the specific considerations remain sparse, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kennedy's hand-selected advisory committee has already demonstrated that members hold deep political biases, legitimize vaccine misinformation, and promote vaccine recommendations that lack scientific evidence. In the absence of evidence-based policy making under current-HHS leadership, it is critical that leaders throughout our health care system reaffirm their commitment to ensuring that health care is informed by science, not conspiracy.

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Greg A. Adams  
CEO  
Kaiser Permanente  
1 Kaiser Plaza  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Adams,

I write to you today to share my deep concerns about the upcoming Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting and ask for your continued partnership on efforts to protect public health and ensure access to critical health care services. The upcoming ACIP meeting scheduled for this Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> could include recommendation votes on the Covid vaccine, Hepatitis B vaccine, and MMRV vaccine. While details about the specific considerations remain sparse, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kennedy's hand-selected advisory committee has already demonstrated that members hold deep political biases, legitimize vaccine misinformation, and promote vaccine recommendations that lack scientific evidence. In the absence of evidence-based policy making under current-HHS leadership, it is critical that leaders throughout our health care system reaffirm their commitment to ensuring that health care is informed by science, not conspiracy.

As one of the largest health insurance providers in the United States, I respectfully request that Kaiser Permanente publicly pledge to provide continued coverage of routine use immunizations recommended by America's leading professional medical societies without out-of-pocket costs. During these uncertain times, your continued leadership in ensuring access to science-based health care services is critical to the health and safety of all Americans.

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David Cordani  
CEO  
The Cigna Group  
900 Cottage Grove Road  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

Dear Mr. Cordani,

I write to you today to share my deep concerns about the upcoming Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) meeting and ask for your continued partnership on efforts to protect public health and ensure access to critical health care services. The upcoming ACIP meeting scheduled for this Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> could include recommendation votes on the Covid vaccine, Hepatitis B vaccine, and MMRV vaccine. While details about the specific considerations remain sparse, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kennedy's hand-selected advisory committee has already demonstrated that members hold deep political biases, legitimize vaccine misinformation, and promote vaccine recommendations that lack scientific evidence. In the absence of evidence-based policy making under current-HHS leadership, it is critical that leaders throughout our health care system reaffirm their commitment to ensuring that health care is informed by science, not conspiracy.

As one of the largest health insurance providers in the United States, I respectfully request that The Cigna Group publicly pledge to provide continued coverage of routine use immunizations recommended by America's leading professional medical societies without out-of-pocket costs. During these uncertain times, your continued leadership in ensuring access to science-based health care services is critical to the health and safety of all Americans.

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CEO  
United Healthcare  
9700 Health Care Ln  
Minnetonka, MN 55343

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