

# vaccine pay for play

bribing your way to compliance for fun and profit



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there sure are a lot of evergreen memes around lately...

i keep trying  
to follow  
"the science"  
but it keeps  
leading me  
back to  
"the money"



so, here's a deeply unsurprising little piece of evidence:



**Thomas Massie** ✓  
@RepThomasMassie



Your primary care provider was bribed to suggest you should take the COVID vaccine.



Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicaid

## COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Incentive program

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is one of the best and safest ways people can protect themselves and their families against the virus. As a participating practice in the COVID-19 Provider Vaccine Incentive program, we recognize your hard work by offering incentives for helping patients make the choice to become vaccinated.

### Eligibility

The COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Incentive program is open to you if you are a participating Kentucky primary care provider with an Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicaid (Anthem) panel size of 25 or more members. All Anthem members identified as receiving COVID-19 vaccination services are included in the methodology. Vaccine results will be determined by a COVID-19 vaccine claim or by confirmation from the Kentucky Vaccine Registry.

The results will be calculated for two time periods:

- September 1, 2021 – Initial incentive payment
- December 31, 2021 – Final incentive payment

### How you can qualify for a bonus

If your practice meets the below thresholds for vaccination with at least one dose by September 1, 2021, you will receive the initial incentive payment based on the following rates:

- 30% Anthem members vaccinated – \$20 bonus per vaccinated member
- 40% Anthem members vaccinated – \$45 bonus per vaccinated member
- 50% Anthem members vaccinated – \$70 bonus per vaccinated member
- 60% Anthem members vaccinated – \$100 bonus per vaccinated member

- 75% Anthem members vaccinated – \$125 bonus per vaccinated member

The final incentive payment is calculated based on members who are newly vaccinated between September 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 (see the *Appendix* for calculation examples). If your practice meets the below thresholds for vaccination with at least one dose by December 1, 2021, you will receive the final incentive payment based on the following rates:

- 30% Anthem members vaccinated – \$100 bonus per newly vaccinated member
- 40% Anthem members vaccinated – \$150 bonus per newly vaccinated member
- 50% Anthem members vaccinated – \$175 bonus per newly vaccinated member
- 60% Anthem members vaccinated – \$200 bonus per newly vaccinated member
- 75% Anthem members vaccinated – \$250 bonus per newly vaccinated member

***and this was A LOT of payment.***



The CDC states that in 2020 most adults in the US had visited their provider or another healthcare professional in the past year:

- 83.4% of adults had a visit with a doctor or other health care professional in the past year
- Number of visits: 860.4 million
- Number of visits per 100 persons: 267.1
- Percent of visits made to primary care physicians: 51.2%

The ideal average patient load for a primary care provider has been estimated at 1,000; however, many physicians say the reality is around 2,500. One organization, the American Association for Physician Leadership, says the number is closer to 3,000.

so let's call it 2,000 patients to be conservative.

this gets pretty juicy pretty fast and the incentives got cranked up hard starting sept 2021.

let's say you had the US avg on sept 1, 2021 of 62% w/ 1 or more doses.

$$0.62 \times 2000 \times \$100 = \$124,000$$

now let's say you tracked US average from 9/1/21 to 12/31/21 and got to 74%

that's another 16% of your practice so

$$0.16 \times 2000 \times 200 = \$64,000$$

and if you manage to eke out one extra percentage point to hit 75% vaxxed,

$$0.17 \times 2000 \times 250 = \$85,000$$

so those incremental 20 jobs are worth over \$1000 each to you. that's quite the temptation...

maybe not all your patients are anthem medicaid etc, but anyone want to bet that similar spiffs were not on offer all over the medicare/medicaid and private insurance spaces?

you know what would be REALLY fun to look at?

vaccination rates in medical practices by insurance type. find the ones with "incentive payments" and ones without and see how it affected care.

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*care to place a wager on how THAT turns out?*



sorry to say it, but doctors are not magic. they are just humans too and you can buy A LOT of ethics for a \$209,000 payment in one year in tough times for super easy work.

is a doctor like that going to push vaccines?

you bet.

and will they be looking hard for reasons not to?

probably not.

**this is a gross misalignment of incentives and conflict of interest.**

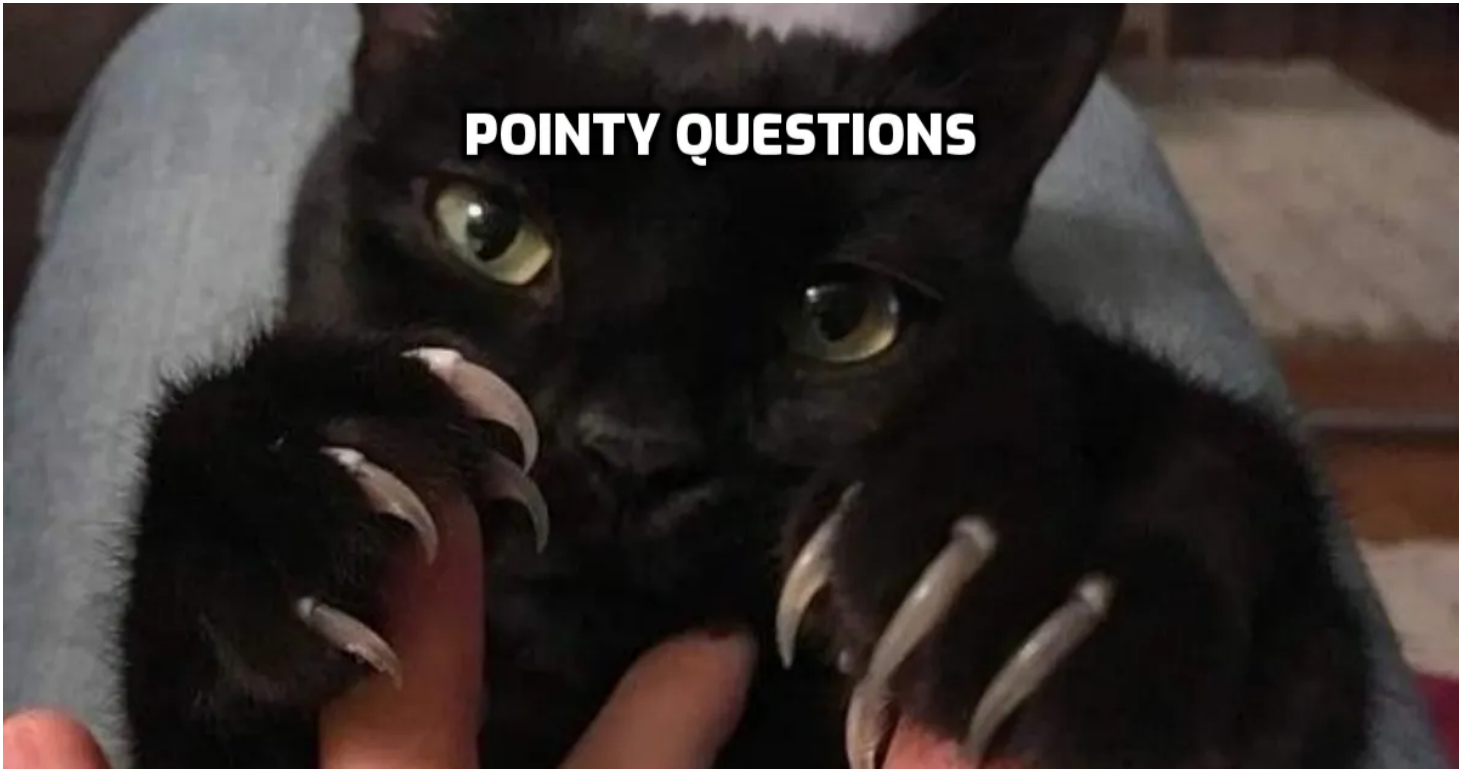
doctors should NOT be paid per prescription to dispense drugs, not by insurers (likely getting federal gravy), drug companies, or anyone.

this is the most anti-patient, anti-informed consent practice imaginable.

we really have gone off all the rails on kleptocracy here.

and it's long past time for some VERY pointy questions about just who these regulators and government program administrators work for.

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### 390 Comments



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**ValkrieScotDottir** Writes ValkrieScotDottir's Substack Apr 15

I remember the days (I'm old) when being a doctor was a vocation. Now, they just want the money for vacations. I'll never trust another doctor or medical professional as long as I live ...which won't be very long, but hell with it, the point remains. I do not believe that ANY working medical professional has been blind, deaf or ignorant of the last three years. And if they STILL stay in their jobs and have NOT raised their voices against what is happening, they don't deserve our trust.

The sooner Humans1.0 set up alternative, safe, trustworthy and transparent healthcare the better.

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**Jennifer L** Apr 15

From a TV commercial: "Do not take \_\_\_\_ if you have had a heart attack, chest pains, irregular heartbeat, stroke or mini-stroke, take MAOIs, have had heart failure in the last year, or sleep apnea" (I probably left some out). Rare side effect: death. But COVID injections are great for everybody; no contraindications all. I'm a survivor of two injections and a booster. They knew better. This was, frankly, homicide.

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