

Individuals with Underlying Conditions Now Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine

On February 8, 2021, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that the New York State Department of Health is [expanding COVID-19 vaccine eligibility](#) to include individuals with underlying conditions.

Effective February 15, 2021, people who meet the below criteria are eligible to receive the vaccine when it becomes available to them. In addition to [state-run vaccination clinics](#), the state has tasked local public health departments to work with health care providers in their counties to determine where individuals with underlying conditions can be vaccinated. As vaccine becomes available, Bassett stands ready to assist our community partners in vaccinating those individuals currently eligible.

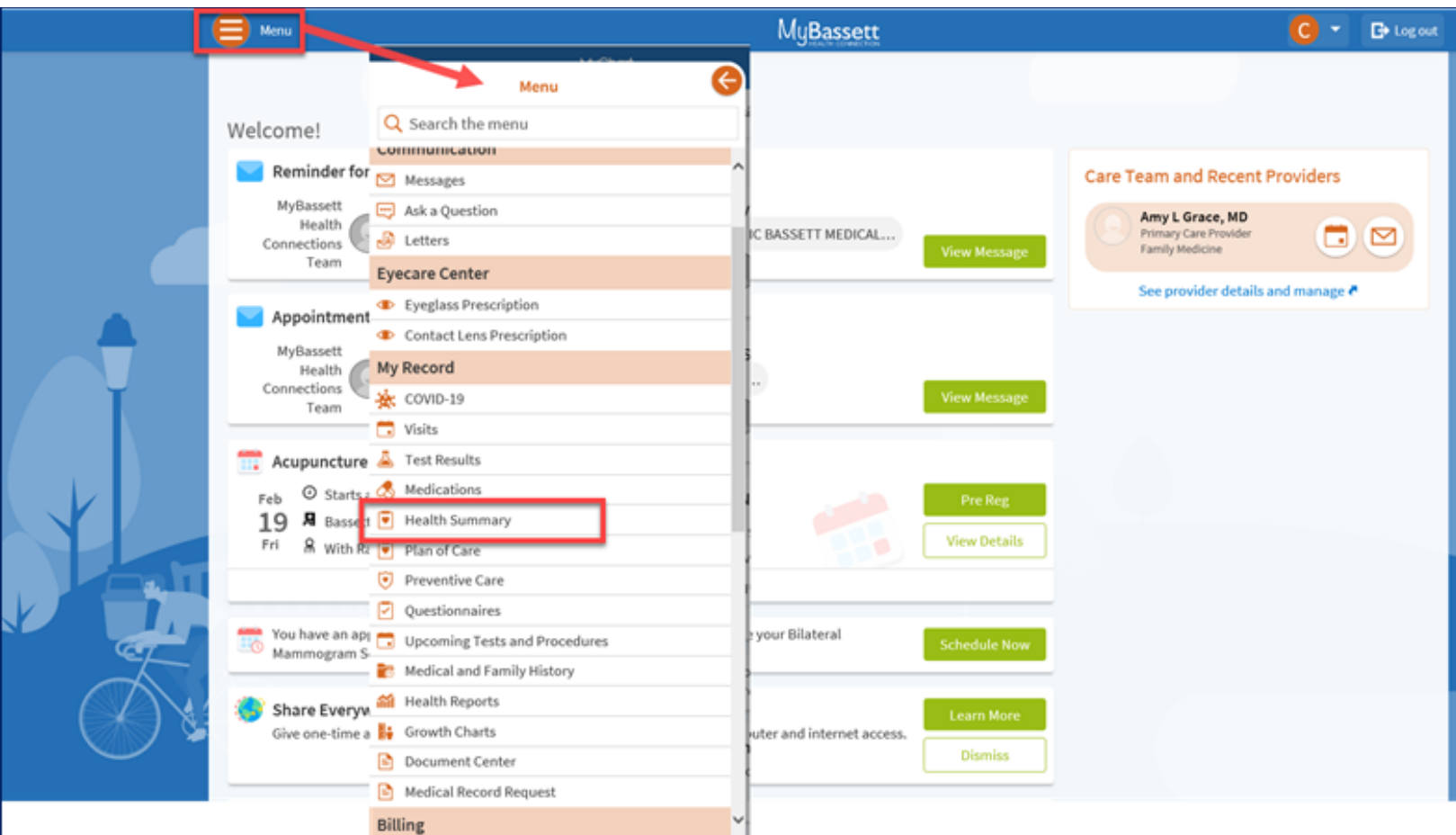
Criteria for underlying conditions:

- Cancer (current or in remission)
- Chronic kidney disease
- Pulmonary Disease, including but not limited to, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), asthma, pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis.
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities including Down Syndrome
- Heart conditions, including but not limited to heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
- Severe Obesity (BMI 40 kg/m²), Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m² or higher but < 40 kg/m²)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or Thalassemia
- Type 1 or 2 diabetes mellitus
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Neurologic conditions including but not limited to Alzheimer's Disease or dementia
- Liver disease

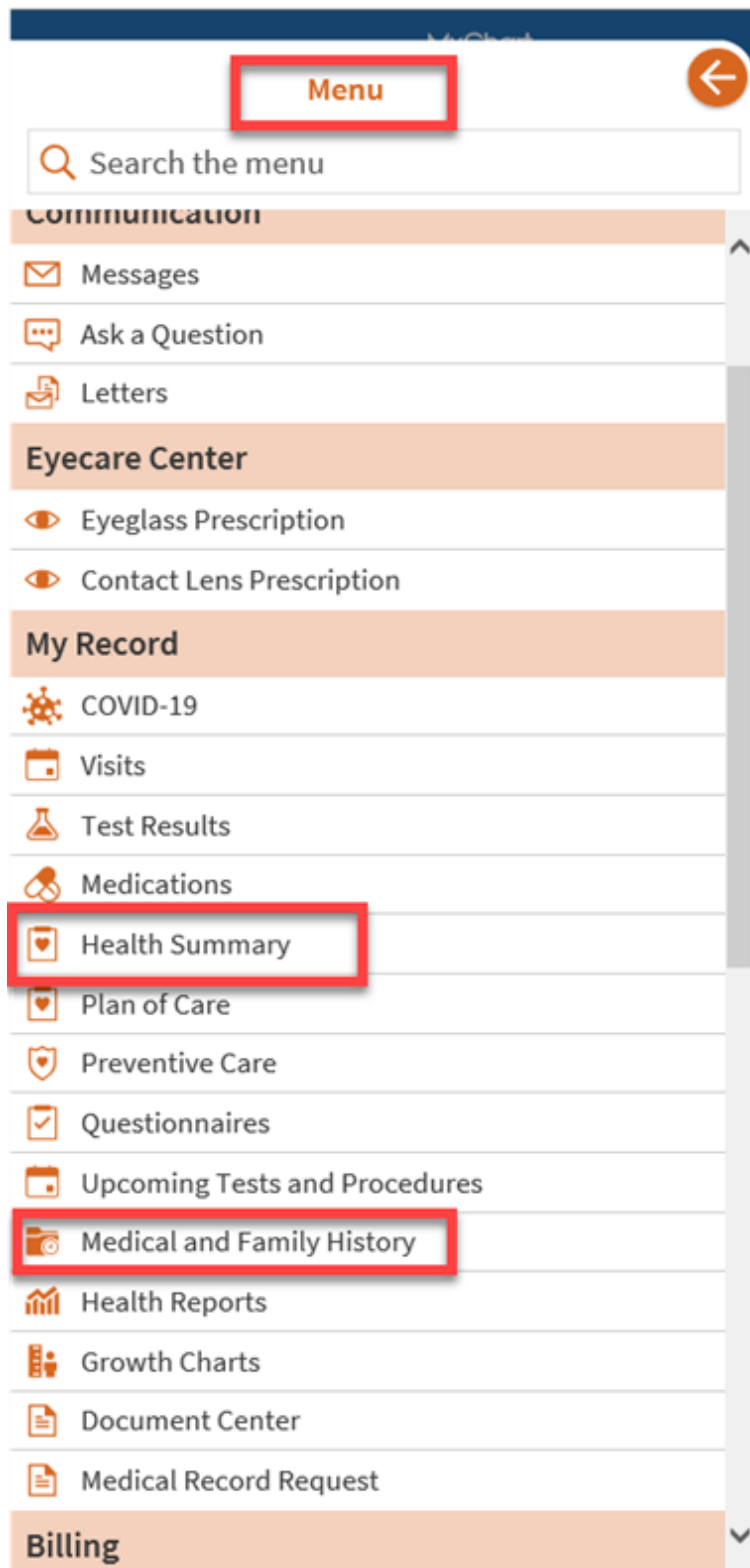
Please note that Bassett patients who are enrolled in the [MyBassett online patient portal](#) can log into their account to show proof of eligibility at the time of vaccination or to print off their medical history and/or current health issues (see screenshots below) as documentation of eligibility. If you are not enrolled in [MyBassett, sign up through this link](#) to access your personal health information.

How to access documentation in MyBassett

1. MyBassett users can retrieve documentation of underlying conditions by logging into their account and clicking on “Review your health summary” and then clicking on “current health issues” and taking a screen shot of, or printing off, their problem list.



2. MyBassett users may also use their “medical history” in their account as documentation of any underlying conditions.



Please understand that your Bassett provider does not determine your eligibility to receive the vaccine. The supporting documentation described above will be reviewed and approved by the entity scheduling your appointment for vaccination. Getting an appointment depends upon vaccine supply, which continues to be extremely limited. The federal government currently provides New York State with approximately 300,000 vaccines/week while more than seven million New Yorkers are eligible. Check the state's website for [instructions on registering and your eligibility](#).

Hospitals and health systems in the state have been directed by the NYSDOH to prioritize finishing the vaccination of health care workers who wish to be vaccinated. In keeping with that direction, Bassett Healthcare Network is completing first and second dose vaccinations of staff and health care workers in the communities we serve.