
PROVIDER BULLETIN

Influenza Vaccine

The annual flu season begins this month and can continue through May. The CDC recommends that everyone six months of age and older get vaccinated each year as soon as the vaccine is available. Please note some children younger than 9 years of age need two doses of vaccine to be protected. Go to www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season for more information.



Priority Groups

It is especially important that the following groups get vaccinated either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications:

1. Pregnant women
2. Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
3. People 50 years of age and older
4. People with certain chronic medical conditions, such as asthma or diabetes
5. People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
6. People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including:
 - a. Health care workers
 - b. Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu
 - c. Household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated)

Pneumonia Vaccination

The CDC recommends that each senior aged 65 and over receive a one-time dose of the pneumonia vaccine. A **one time** revaccination is recommended for persons with certain illnesses and for persons over 65 IF it has been 5 or more years since their last vaccination AND they were under 65 years of age at the time of the primary vaccination.

Immunization reimbursement for Medicare Members

Blue Shield – Administration and vaccine paid by Preferred IPA.

Brand New Day – Administration and vaccine paid by Preferred IPA.

CCHP - Administration paid by Preferred IPA. Vaccine paid by health plan.

Care1st – Administration and vaccine paid by Preferred IPA.

Easy Choice – Administration and vaccine paid by Preferred IPA.

Health Net – Administration and vaccine paid by Preferred IPA.

Humana – Administration and vaccine paid by Preferred IPA.

LA Care – Administration and vaccine paid by health plan.

Molina Medicare – Administration paid by Preferred IPA. Vaccine paid by health plan.