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## *PROVIDER BULLETIN*

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### **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](http://www.cdc.gov/flu) for more information.**



### **Priority Groups**

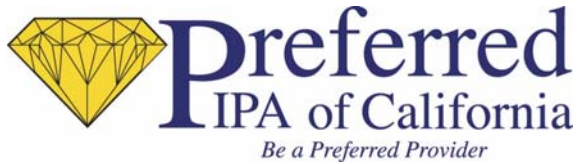
It is especially important that the following groups get vaccinated either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications:

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, 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

### **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.

If you have any questions about this information, please call Liza Johnson in the Health Education Department at 818-265-0800, x232.



<b>Medicare Encounter Data &amp; Claims Submissions</b>		
<b>All Health Plans</b>	<b>All Product Lines</b>	<b>All Ages</b>
<b>Submit CMS 1500:</b> <b>Preferred IPA Claims Department</b> <b>P.O. Box 4449, Chatsworth, CA 91313</b> <b>Encounter and claim submissions are accepted through Office Ally- Pavor ID: PFIPA</b>		

<b>Medicare Vaccine Submissions</b>		
<b>Health Plan</b>	<b>Medicare</b>	<b>Cal MediConnect</b>
<b>Blue Shield of California</b>	Preferred IPA pays for Vaccine & Administration Submit CMS 1500: Preferred IPA Claims Department P.O. Box 4449, Chatsworth, CA 91313	Not Applicable
<b>Brand New Day</b>	Preferred IPA pays for Vaccine & Administration Submit CMS 1500: Preferred IPA Claims Department P.O. Box 4449, Chatsworth, CA 91313	Not Applicable
<b>Care 1st Health Plan</b>	Preferred IPA pays for Vaccine & Administration Submit CMS 1500: Preferred IPA Claims Department P.O. Box 4449, Chatsworth, CA 91313	Preferred IPA pays for Vaccine & Administration Submit CMS 1500: Preferred IPA Claims Department P.O. Box 4449, Chatsworth, CA 91313
<b>Citizen's Choice Health Plan</b>	Preferred IPA pays for Administration CCHP pays for Vaccine Submit CMS 1500: Preferred IPA Claims Department P.O. Box 4449, Chatsworth, CA 91313	Not Applicable
<b>Easy Choice Healthplan</b>	Preferred IPA pays for Vaccine & Administration Submit CMS 1500: Preferred IPA Claims Department P.O. Box 4449, Chatsworth, CA 91313	Not Applicable
<b>Health Net</b>	Preferred IPA pays for Vaccine & Administration Submit CMS 1500: Preferred IPA Claims Department P.O. Box 4449, Chatsworth, CA 91313	Preferred IPA pays for Vaccine & Administration Submit CMS 1500: Preferred IPA Claims Department P.O. Box 4449, Chatsworth, CA 91313
<b>Humana</b>	Preferred IPA pays for Vaccine & Administration Submit CMS 1500: Preferred IPA Claims Department P.O. Box 4449, Chatsworth, CA 91313	Not Applicable
<b>LA Care Health Plan</b>	LA Care pays for Immunization & Administration Submit CMS 1500 LA Care Claims Department P.O. Box 712129, Los Angeles CA 90071	Preferred IPA pays for Vaccine & Administration Submit CMS 1500: Preferred IPA Claims Department P.O. Box 4449, Chatsworth, CA 91313
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