

Vaccine Coverage

Medicare Part B and Part D

Vaccines are an essential part of maintaining a healthy life and providing a protective boost against infection. Here at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, we recognize the challenges of knowing where to go for your vaccine or how a vaccine is covered under your Medicare benefit. We are here to help!

MEDICARE PART B (Medical) covers vaccines for flu, pneumonia, COVID-19, hepatitis B (for members at moderate to high risk), tetanus (for treatment of an injury), rabies (with direct exposure) and the corresponding administration fees.

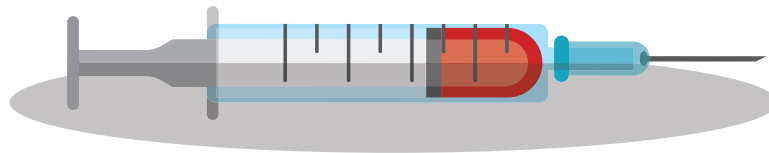
Member's responsibility:

- \$0 copay for flu, hepatitis B, COVID-19, and pneumococcal¹
- 20% coinsurance for tetanus and rabies vaccines¹

MEDICARE PART D (Pharmacy) covers Part D vaccines recommended for adults by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The shingles vaccine, Shingrix, is one popular vaccine covered under Part D. Tetanus is another common vaccine covered under Part D when administered for routine preventive care.

Member's responsibility:

- \$0 copay for covered Part D vaccines



WHAT VACCINES ARE COVERED?

MEDICARE PART B:

- Influenza vaccine (Flu)
- Pneumococcal vaccine (Pneumovax 23, Prevnar 13)
- COVID-19
- Hepatitis B vaccine for members at moderate to high risk (Recombivax HB, Engerix-B)
- Other vaccines (for treatment of an injury or direct exposure to a disease or condition) such as:
 - Tetanus vaccine (Adacel, Boostrix)
 - Rabies virus vaccine (RabAvert, Imovax Rabies)

Please note - A vaccine could have several trade names, e.g. Pneumovax 23 and Prevnar 13. Coverage exists if there are multiple trade names for a specific vaccine.

MEDICARE PART D:

- Chickenpox vaccine (Varivax)
- Diphtheria /Tetanus vaccine (Tenivac, TDVAX)
- Hepatitis A vaccine (Havrix, VAQTA)
- Hepatitis A/Hepatitis B vaccine (Twinrix)
- Hepatitis B vaccine for members at low risk (Recombivax HB, Engerix-B)
- Human Papillomavirus (Gardasil 9)
- Japanese Encephalitis virus vaccine (Ixiaro)
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella vaccine (M-M-R II)
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella/Varicella vaccine (Proquad)
- Meningococcal Polysaccharide Diphtheria toxoid vaccine (Menactra)
- Poliovirus vaccine Inactivated (IPOL)
- Rabies vaccine for prevention (RabAvert, Imovax Rabies)
- Tetanus, diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis vaccine (Adacel, Boostrix)
- Typhoid VI Polysaccharide vaccine (Typhim VI)
- Yellow-Fever virus vaccine (YF-Vax)
- Zoster vaccine recombinant, adjuvanted (Shingrix)

WHERE CAN I GO?

DOCTOR'S OFFICE	PHARMACY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provider at the office will administer the vaccine¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In New York State, registered and certified pharmacists can administer vaccines for flu, pneumonia, meningitis, shingles, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, HPV, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and COVID-19.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When you receive a Part B vaccine at the office, you will pay the applicable coinsurance. For a Part D vaccine at the office, if the claim is billed to Transact Rx by the provider, there will be no cost to you. Transact Rx is a real time claim processing web portal that allows providers to bill office administered Medicare Part D vaccines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When you receive a Part B vaccine at the pharmacy, you will pay the applicable coinsurance. For a Part D vaccine, there is no cost.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will be required to submit claim forms for reimbursement to Excellus BCBS if the provider does not use Transact Rx to bill your Part D vaccines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The claim is billed through insurance and you will not be required to submit claim forms for reimbursement to Excellus BCBS.

¹ When services other than preventive care are performed, the office visit copay will apply.

If you have any questions regarding the vaccine information please call Customer Care at 1-877-883-9577. Representatives are available Monday through Friday 8 a.m to 8 p.m. From October 1st through March 31st, representatives are available Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m to 8 p.m.



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This information is not a complete description of benefits. Call **1-877-883-9577 (TTY: 711)** for more information.

Benefits or co-payments/co-insurance may change on January 1 of each year.

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ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-877-883-9577 (TTY: 711).

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