Vaccine coverage

Medicare Part B and Part D

Vaccines help keep you healthy and protect you from getting sick. We know it can be hard to figure out where to get a vaccine or how your Medicare plan covers it. Excellus BlueCross BlueShield is here to help make it simple.



Medicare Part B (Medical)

covers select vaccines (see list below) and the administration fees for those vaccines.

Member's responsibility:

- $0 copay for flu, hepatitis B, COVID-19, and pneumococcal[1]
- 20% coinsurance for tetanus and rabies vaccines[1]

Medicare Part D (Pharmacy)

covers most Part D vaccines recommended for adults by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).*

Member's responsibility:

- $0 copay for covered adult Part D vaccines

What vaccines are covered?

Medicare Part B	Medicare Part D**
• Influenza vaccine (Flu) • Pneumococcal vaccine (Capvaxive, Prevnar 20) • 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. Capvaxive and Prevnar 20. Coverage exists if there are multiple trade names for a specific vaccine.*	• Chickenpox vaccine (Varivax) • Chikungunya (Ixchiq) • 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) • Japanese Encephalitis virus vaccine (Ixiaro) • Measles/Mumps/Rubella vaccine (M-M-R II, Priorix) • Meningococcal Polysaccharide Diphtheria toxoid vaccine (MenQuadfi) • Poliovirus vaccine Inactivated (IPOL) • Rabies vaccine for prevention (RabAvert, Imovax Rabies) • Respiratory Syncytial Virus vaccine (Arexvy, Abrysvo, Mresvia) • Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis vaccine (Adacel, Boostrix) • Typhoid VI Polysaccharide vaccine (Typhim VI, Vivotif EC) • Yellow-Fever virus vaccine (YF-Vax) • Zoster vaccine recombinant, adjuvanted (Shingrix)

* Age restrictions may apply to certain vaccines

** Please review the Part D formulary for a complete list of vaccines covered under your Part D plan.

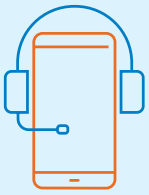
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Where can I go?

Doctor's office	Pharmacy
• The provider at the office will administer the vaccine[1]	• 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, RSV, and COVID-19.
• 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, most of the time 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.	• When you receive a Part B vaccine at the pharmacy, you will pay the applicable coinsurance. For a Part D vaccine, most of the time there is no cost.
• 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.	• 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** (TTY 711). 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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