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**To: All Primary Care and Specialty Providers**

**Contracts Affected: Medicare Advantage**

## **Update to Part D Covered Vaccines and Administration**

We recently advised you in Volume 13, Issue 32, that in 2008, CMS requires some vaccines and the administration fees associated with them to be covered under Part D, instead of Part B. In an effort to clarify this requirement, it is important to understand **this ruling only applies to members with Medicare Part D.**

Medicare Advantage (including Senior Blue and Traditional Blue Medicare PPO) members who **do not have any** Medicare Part D coverage will continue to be covered under their medical benefit for vaccines and administration. The member is responsible for their customary office visit copay **only** and is *not* required to submit a Vaccine and Administration (Injection) Claim Form to Medco.

Medicare Advantage members who have Medicare Part D will have the following Medicare Rx logo on their ID cards:



The following vaccines are not part of the new requirement and will continue to be covered as a medical benefit, regardless of Part D coverage:

- Influenza (flu)
- Pneumonia (PPV)
- Hepatitis B (HBV)

The following table may be helpful for your office staff when determining the vaccines that will **continue to be covered under the member's medical benefit.**

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Vaccines Covered Under Medical Benefit	CPT Code
Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6 to 35 months of age, for intramuscular use.	90655
Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years and older, for intramuscular use.	90656
Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to children 6 to 35 months of age, for intramuscular use.	90657
Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use.	90658
Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, adult or immunosuppressed patient dosage, for use in individuals 2 years or older, for subcutaneous or intramuscular use.	90732
Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use.	90740
Hepatitis B vaccine, adolescent (2 dose schedule), for intramuscular use.	90743
Hepatitis B vaccine, pediatric/adolescent (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use.	90744
Hepatitis B vaccine, adult dosage, for intramuscular use.	90746
Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (4 dose schedule), for intramuscular use.	90747

There is **no change** as to how providers should administer these vaccines or file claims. Continue to submit your claims for these vaccines to BlueCross BlueShield.

There are other vaccines, such as tetanus, where coverage is situational. For additional detailed information regarding Part D Vaccines, please visit the CMS web site at [www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalMedicareTrainingProgram/Downloads/RxCoverageDeskAid.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalMedicareTrainingProgram/Downloads/RxCoverageDeskAid.pdf).

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