



Policy: Vaccination Payment Policy	Policy Number: CL-01
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PURPOSE

Define vaccine coverage and payment guidelines under Mass Advantage plans based on Medicare Part B Vaccine Coverage or Medicare Part D Vaccine Coverage.

POLICY

Medicare Part B: The Medical Benefits Chart, found in Chapter 4 of the Mass Advantage Evidence of Coverage booklet, contains information regarding vaccine covered under **Medicare Part B** (see excerpted table in ATTACHMENTS). Influenza, pneumococcal, COVID-19, and hepatitis B (for at-risk members only) vaccines are covered under Medicare Part B. Other vaccinations or inoculations are only covered under Medicare Part B if the member is at risk and the administration meets Medicare Part B coverage rules (i.e. is directly related to the treatment of an injury or direct exposure to a disease or condition).

Medicare Part D: Under Medicare Part D, vaccinations or inoculation are included when the administration is reasonable and necessary for the prevention of the illness. Part D covered services are not subject to the Part C organization determination process; instead, they may be subject to Part D coverage determination review, which would be processed by Prime Therapeutics, LLC. Reimbursement requests must be submitted to:

Mass Advantage
Attn: MPD-1000UR
P.O. Box 64806
St. Paul, MN 55164-0811
Fax: 888-904-1139

SCOPE

This policy impacts the following departments and workflows:

Departments: Pharmacy, Claims

Workflows: Pharmacy, Claims

PROCEDURES

Part B Vaccine Coverage

Contracted providers who administer Part B covered vaccinations during an office visit should submit on a medical claim 1500 or UB form and will be reimbursed by Mass Advantage Part B medical coverage. Part B covered vaccines are outlined below.



Part D Vaccine Coverage

Contracted providers who administer Part D vaccines must do one of the following:

1. Redirect members to a participating pharmacy for Part B or Part D vaccines or to Mass Advantage if the member needs help finding a participating pharmacy.

****Please note, vaccines must be administered at the pharmacy, and not within medical or “quick” clinics within the pharmacy.**

2. For provider who are part of a hospital-owned physician group, and vaccinations are supplied by your in-hour pharmacy: **You can administer Part D vaccines during the office visit if vaccines are billed by the Part D in-house pharmacy.**
3. **If Part D covered vaccines are administered in the provider's office:**
 - a. Require the member to pay upfront. The member is responsible for submitting the claims to Prime Therapeutics, LLC. The provider must provide the appropriate National Drug Code (NDC) number to the member, receipt of payment, and applicable information of Part D claims submission.
 - b. If Part D vaccination/inoculation and administration thereof have been paid upfront by the member, do not include them in your Part C claim submission. If the office elects to submit the Part D services as information on the Part C claim, these services must be billed with a GY modifier for claims to appropriately adjudicate patient responsibility.

Quick Reference for Vaccine Coverage Under Medicare Part B vs. Part D:

Vaccines	Part B	Part D
Influenza (Flu)	X	
Pneumonia	X	
Shingles (Zoster)		X
COVID-19	X	
Tetanus		X
Tetanus (medically necessary treatment)	X	
Meningococcal		X
Hepatitis A		X
Hepatitis B (preventative for at-risk)	X	
Hepatitis B (preventative for non-at-risk)		X
MMR		X
TDAP		X

This list is not exhaustive, for more information please contact Provider Services at 844-918-0114 (HMO) or 844-915-0234 (PPO).

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REGULATORY CITATIONS AND POLICY REFERENCES

- Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 18 – Preventive and Screening Services
- Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Manual, Chapter 5 – Benefits and Beneficiary Protections, Sections 60.2-60.3.4

ATTACHMENTS [EXAMPLES PROVIDED]

- Excerpt from 2025 Evidence of Coverages for All Contracts

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
 Immunizations Covered Medicare Part B services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pneumonia vaccines • Flu/influenza shots (or vaccines), once each flu/influenza season in the fall and winter, with additional flu/influenza shots (or vaccines) if medically necessary • Hepatitis B vaccines if you are at high or intermediate risk of getting Hepatitis B • COVID-19 vaccines • Other vaccines if you are at risk and they meet Medicare Part B coverage rules We also cover most other adult vaccines under our Part D prescription drug benefit. Refer to Chapter 6, Section 8 for additional information.	There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the pneumonia, flu/influenza, Hepatitis B, and COVID-19 vaccines.

VERSION AND REVIEW HISTORY					
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