

PROVIDER QUICK POINTS

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Medicare Vaccine Coverage

The purpose of this Quick Points is to provide additional information and clarification regarding coverage of vaccines for Medicare members. Members who have Medicare insurance with a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) secondary plan (Cost, Advantage or Supplement) have specific coverage requirements for vaccines and administration. When a Medicare member has a vaccine administered, Medicare only allows for Hepatitis B, Flu, and Pneumonia vaccines to be administered as part of their Part B Coverage. Additionally, when the Tetanus vaccine is being administered due to an illness or injury, it can be administered as part of the Part B coverage.

Based on the Member's health condition and after a review of their medical records, if it is identified that the Member is due for a vaccine to be administered, vaccines not covered under Part B must be done in a Pharmacy setting and billed to the members Part D (drug) coverage. This includes, but is not limited to: shingles vaccines, Tetanus for routine purposes, and Hepatitis A.

If a member does not have the vaccine administered at the correct place of service, it will deny as no coverage and become member responsibility. Medicare members should be directed to contact the Customer Service phone number on the back of their ID card if they have questions about benefits or coverage of a vaccine.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or **1-800-262-0820**.