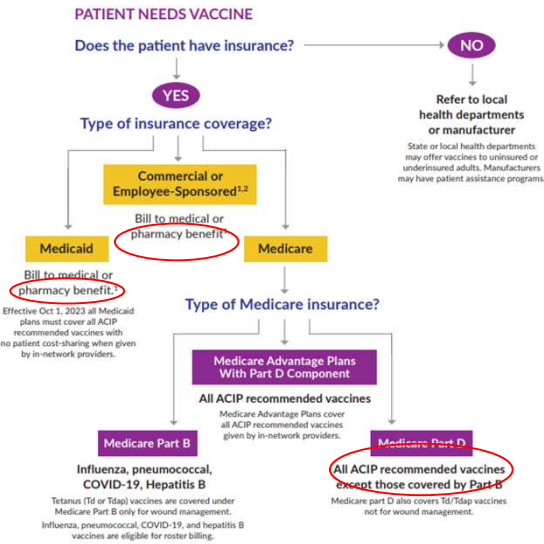


Insurance Coverage of Adult Immunizations at the Pharmacy



- All ACIP recommended vaccines are required to be covered by the Affordable Care Act. However, the provider must be “in network”
- Some insurance plans allow for vaccines to be billed to the pharmacy benefit
- Some insurance plans allow pharmacies / pharmacists to bill medical plans

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Pharmacy Claims for Immunizations

- Processed as a prescription through the pharmacy dispensing system
- Real-time processing (amount paid by plan and if the patient has a copay)
- Uses NCPDP* codes (NDC** for drug)
- When billing a medical plan through the pharmacy system, claims are submitted as prescriptions to a clearinghouse. Then the claim is converted to a medical claim (X12 / CPT / HCPCS) and submitted to the plan
 - Most clearinghouses will provide an electronic notice about patient/plan/service eligibility; however, this is not a guarantee of coverage or payment
 - The response from the clearinghouse is an estimate of payment and payment information is not provided in real time
- The pharmacy or pharmacist may have to be “credentialed” by the medical plan
 - Some medical plans will not credential pharmacies/pharmacists in their medical network (therefore making the pharmacy/pharmacist an out-of-network provider)

*National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP), **National Drug Code (NDC)

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