

NAIIS Summit: Medicare and Tools to Facilitate Adult Immunization

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Medicare Part D Vaccines

High-level Overview

- The Inflation Reduction Act requires that **all Medicare Part D plans cover Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended adult vaccines without any cost sharing** for Part D enrollees.
- In other words, recommended adult vaccines are now free to Part D enrollees as of **January 1, 2023** and Part D plans cannot apply any cost sharing or deductible.
- There is **no enrollee cost sharing** on the ingredient cost of the adult vaccine, or any associated sales tax, dispensing fee, or vaccine administration fee.
- Recommended adult vaccines include **all categories of ACIP recommendations for adults**, including those that are specified as based on shared clinical decision-making as well as those for use in limited populations and circumstances.
- More information available at: <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/Vaccines-Part-D-Factsheet-ICN908764.pdf>

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Vaccines Benefit Article and Postcard

- CMS created a **drop-in article and postcard** to spread the word on the expanded Part D benefit for ACIP-recommended vaccines in Medicare available in multiple languages.
- The article and postcard are available in **English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.**

Download the Article:

<https://www.cms.gov/inflation-reduction-act-and-medicare/resources-0>



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Social Media Toolkit

- CMS created **social media toolkits** to spread the word on the new vaccine provision in Part D as well as the new cost-sharing cap on insulins covered under Part D for stakeholders to get the word out.
- The toolkits are available in both **Spanish and English**, and include both **social media language as well as graphics**.

Download the Toolkits:

<https://www.cms.gov/outreach-education/partner-resources/social-media-toolkits>



Medicare Part B Prevention Vaccines

High-level Overview

- **Part B pays 100% of the Medicare allowed amount** for pneumococcal, influenza, hepatitis B virus COVID-19 vaccines and their administration.
- There is **no enrollee cost sharing** on the ingredient cost of the adult vaccine, or any associated sales tax, dispensing fee, or vaccine administration fee.
- Starting January 1, 2024, Medicare provides **an additional payment amount for administering influenza, hepatitis B, and pneumococcal shots in the home** for certain Medicare patients.
- Providers who give the COVID-19, influenza, and pneumococcal shot to groups of individuals (like people who live in a retirement community) are considered **mass immunizers**.
- Published a new resource this month on **billing Medicare for respiratory vaccines**, such as RSV, pneumococcal, influenza, and COVID-19, related to people with Medicare in skilled nursing facility. More information at: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/billing-medicare-respiratory-vaccines.pdf>

Medicare Vaccines Resources

- **CMS.gov**
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit](#) – Content related to COVID-19 [payment](#), [billing](#), & [coding](#)
 - [Vaccine Pricing](#) – Pricing for Seasonal Flu Vaccines & COVID-19 Vaccines and Monoclonal Antibodies
 - [Medicare Preventive Services Educational Tool](#) – Currently includes content for [flu](#), [hep B](#), and [pneumococcal](#) vaccines
 - [Flu shot](#) – Content related to coverage, billing, and codes; Additional Resources includes links to relevant sections of Medicare Claims Processing Manual
 - [In-Home Vaccine Administration: Additional Payment](#) – Information about Medicare’s additional payment for in-home administration of Part B preventive vaccines
 - [Roster Billing for Vaccines](#) – Explains how providers can use roster billing to submit multiple claims for Part B preventive vaccines
- **Other products**
 - [Medicare Part D Vaccines Fact Sheet](#) – Billing information about vaccines covered under Parts B and D, including billing and payment information
 - [Medicare Preventive Services Poster](#) – Can be used to advertise Medicare-covered Preventive Services, including vaccines (provides URL for Medicare Preventive Services Educational Tool)
 - [Provider Compliance: Medicare Flu Shot Payment and Billing Overview Video](#)
 - [Federally Qualified Health Center \(FQHC\) Booklet](#) – Contains sections on coverage and payment for Part B preventive vaccines administered by FQHCs
 - [Information for Rural Health Clinics \(RHCs\) Booklet](#) – Contains sections on coverage and payment for Part B preventive vaccines administered by RHCs
 - [Skilled Nursing Facility \(SNF\) Fact Sheet](#) – Contains information on billing Medicare for respiratory vaccines in SNFs and Long-term care setting.