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 ACIPrecommended 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





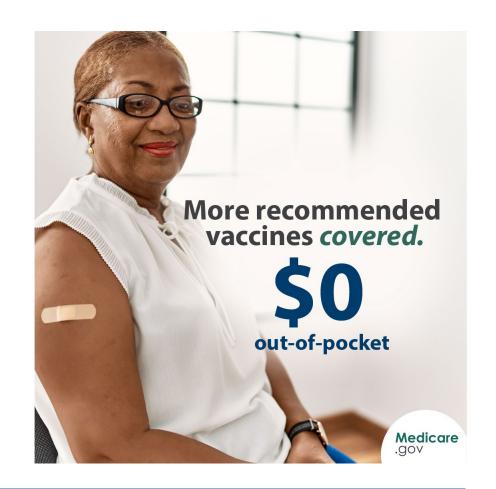
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Social Media Toolkit

- 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

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- <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit</u> 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 <u>flu</u>, <u>hep B</u>, and <u>pneumococcal</u> vaccines
- <u>Flu shot</u> 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 Longterm care setting.

