Coverage of Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines
For BlueMedicare Members

Florida Blue and, its affiliate, Florida Blue HMO (Health Options Inc.) have recently experienced an increased number of inquiries from BlueMedicare members about the flu and pneumonia vaccines. These vaccines, and their administration, are covered under the member’s medical benefit.

**BlueMedicare members are covered for flu vaccines** once (1) per influenza season and covered for **pneumonia vaccines** once (1) per lifetime. If medically necessary, additional flu or pneumonia vaccine coverage may be provided and $0 copayment would apply.

BlueMedicare members can receive the vaccines in the physician’s office setting or at participating pharmacies. Claims for flu and pneumonia vaccines rendered in the physician’s office setting should be submitted to the address on the back of the member’s BlueMedicare ID card or through the established electronic claim submission process via [Availity](#).

Pharmacies should submit claims for these vaccines to **BIN 012833 PCN FLBC** for coverage. These vaccines are not covered under Medicare Part D prescription coverage. Should pharmacies mistakenly bill for these vaccines through the member’s Medicare Part D prescription benefit, they will reject with the message, “not covered under Part D by law”. Additionally, pharmacies should not submit claims for BlueMedicare members to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (traditional Medicare).

To help your BlueMedicare patients avoid potential benefit disruptions relative to the flu and pneumonia vaccines, please share this communication with them.

**For More Information**

- Should your office have questions regarding claims processing, please contact Florida Blue’s Provider Contact Center at 1-800-727-2227.
- Should members have questions regarding the flu and pneumonia vaccines, please refer them to the Member Services number on the back of their ID card.

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