

Medicare Vaccine Part B vs Part D Coverage

Vaccines are routinely recommended to help prevent a variety of illnesses. However, obtaining and administering them can be challenging as vaccines are billed per Medicare rules under Part B (medical benefit) vs Part D (pharmacy benefit). Most provider offices are not set up to bill Medicare Part D plans, which can lead to confusion if a vaccine is covered.

Security Health Plan has simplified these steps by allowing its members with Medicare Part D to receive any covered vaccine given in the provider's office regardless of whether it is covered under Part B or Part D. Providers and patients can feel confident about administering and receiving vaccines without the added hassle of ensuring proper billing of the vaccine.

How does this work?

- A Security Health Plan Medicare Part D member receives a Medicare Part D vaccine (e.g. Shingrix) at their provider's office.
- The provider's office will submit the vaccine claim and administration fee to Security and is paid for the claim.
- The member has a \$0 copay; therefore, the provider's office will not need to bill the member.
- Security Health Plan will review the paid vaccine claims for accuracy under Medicare Part D.
- After review, the claim will be processed under the Medicare Part D benefit.

Security Health Plan has this billing arrangement for **ANY** provider's office, not just Marshfield Clinic providers.

Important: It is important for a provider to verify that a member has Security Health Plan's Medicare Part D coverage prior to administering a Part D vaccine in office. If a member does **not** have Medicare Part D and a Part D vaccine is administered in a provider's office, this would be considered a noncovered service. If a member has [Senior Care](#) and no Part D coverage, vaccines are only covered when given in a pharmacy location (not in a physician's office or clinic).

Below are commonly administered vaccines covered under Medicare.

Part B Vaccines	Part D Vaccines
Influenza vaccines (for example, Fluzone, Fluad)	Shingrix
Pneumococcal vaccines (for example, Prevnar20, Pneumovax, Vaxneuvance)	RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) Vaccines (for example, Abrysvo, Arexvy)
COVID-19 vaccines (for example, Comirnaty, Spikevax)	Tdap or Td when given as a booster
Tdap or Td when given because of an accidental puncture wound	