

Access to Part D vaccines improves for Medicare Advantage members

In 2019, Security Health Plan is not only making it easier for Medicare Advantage Plan members with a Part D benefit to obtain their Part D vaccines, but is offering all Part D vaccines at \$0 member cost.

When patients have a Medicare Advantage plan, Part B covers most of the vaccines they need. Vaccines administered in a medical setting are submitted as a medical claim for reimbursement. Many vaccines can also be administered in a pharmacy and billed electronically as a pharmacy claim.

Our Medicare Advantage plans with a Part D benefit cover additional vaccines that are generally not covered under Part B; these are called Part D vaccines. Traditionally, Part D vaccines that are administered in a medical setting require the patient to pay up-front and submit a claim to their Part D plan for reimbursement. This process takes additional time, resources and can be an area of patient frustration.

That's why, beginning Jan. 1, 2019, Part D vaccines may be administered by the provider and submitted as a medical claim to Security Health Plan. The claim will not deny and the member will not be required to submit for reimbursement as the facility will be reimbursed at the contracted rate. Members will have no cost-share and can receive their vaccine from any Medicare Certified Provider who has not opted out of Medicare.

Members will still have the option to receive their Part D vaccines from an in-network retail pharmacy. The pharmacy will continue to bill Security Health Plan as they do today, and the member will have no cost-share.

As a reminder, Part D vaccines are only covered if a member has a Security Health Plan Medicare Advantage Plan with a Part D drug benefit. If members do not have a Part D benefit, they will be responsible for the full cost of the Part D vaccine.

On the next page is a list of common Part B and Part D vaccines for your reference. Please note this is not an all-inclusive list.

If you have questions about the contracted rate for Part D vaccines, please contact Security Health Plan Provider Relations. For questions related to benefits and coverage of Part D vaccines, please see the benefit section of the Provider Portal or call Provider Customer Service at 1-800-548-1224.

PART B VACCINES

Medicare Part B covers the following immunizations:

- Influenza
- Pneumococcal
- Vaccines directly related to the **treatment** of an injury or direct **exposure** to a disease or condition
 - Diphtheria and Tetanus (Tdap)
 - Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B
 - Rabies

PART D VACCINES

Medicare Part D covers the following immunizations:

- BCG
- Haemophilus B (HIB)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Japanese Encephalitis
- Meningococcal
- Polio
- Rubella
- Varicella Zoster
- Typhoid (injectable only)
- Yellow Fever
- Vaccines when given as **preventive** booster or not covered by Part B
 - Diphtheria and Tetanus (Tdap)
 - Hepatitis A
 - Hepatitis B
 - Rabies

PART D VACCINE ADMINISTRATION COVERAGE

The Part D Program covers vaccine administration costs as a component of the negotiated price for a Part D vaccine, which includes:

- Dispensing fee (if applicable)
- Sales tax (if applicable)
- Vaccine administration fee
- Vaccine ingredient cost