



Medicare Vaccine Information – Updated March 2010

Prophylactic vaccines are typically covered under Medicare Part D (the Medicare prescription drug benefit), except in some cases where the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has mandated coverage for these vaccines under the Medicare Part B benefit. Additionally, some vaccines may be covered under either the Medicare Part B or Medicare Part D benefit depending on the medical reason underlying the necessity for the vaccine. For example, vaccines given to treat an injury or as a result of direct exposure to a disease or condition are covered under Part B when provided in conjunction with a physician's service.

Members enrolled in Aetna's Medicare Advantage plans with prescription drug coverage (MA-PD plans) are provided with Part A, Part B and Part D drug coverage through Aetna. A member enrolled in a standalone Medicare prescription drug plan, known as the Aetna Medicare RxSM plan (PDP) only has Part D drug coverage available through Aetna. The member may be obtaining Medicare Parts A and B coverage through Original Medicare or another type of plan option, such as a Medicare Cost Plan, a Medicare Advantage private fee-for-service plan or a Medicare Medical Savings Account Plan.

Vaccine/Vaccine Administration Fee Reimbursement guidelines

- If a member is enrolled in an Aetna PDP or MA-PD plan, the cost of and the administration fee associated with a vaccine covered under Part D will be covered under the Medicare Part D benefit. In addition, when a member has Part D coverage under an Aetna PDP or MA-PD plan and obtains a vaccine covered under Part D that is covered per the member's plan formulary, the member's cost sharing responsibility will be based on their benefit plan and where the vaccine is obtained and administered.
- When a member is covered under an Aetna PDP or MA-PD plan and obtains a vaccine covered under Part D and the vaccine is administered at a **participating pharmacy or a physician's office that has the ability to use the eDispense portal**, applicable member cost sharing is determined at the point of sale.
- If a member is covered under an Aetna PDP or MA-PD plan and obtains the a vaccine covered under Part D from a physician's office, clinic or other medical provider that is not contracted to use the eDispense portal, or from a non-participating pharmacy, the member will pay for the vaccine and the associated vaccine administration fee at the point of sale and submit a claim to Aetna for reimbursement. The member will be responsible for any applicable cost sharing **plus** any amount above the average wholesale price of the cost of the vaccine and any amount above usual and customary for the administration fee related to the vaccine covered under Part D.
- When the vaccine is covered under Medicare Part B benefit and the member is covered under an Aetna Medicare Advantage or MA-PD plan, both the vaccine and the associated administration fee are covered under Part B.

This chart provides a guide to assist you in determining if a vaccine will be covered under the member's medical (Part B benefit) or prescription drug (Part D benefit) coverage:

Vaccine Type	Brand Names (examples); <i>generics</i>	Covered under Medical (Part B)	*Covered under Pharmacy (Part D)	Requires clinical review to determine Medical vs. Pharmacy coverage
Anthrax	Anthrax vaccine			X
diph-acell pert-tet tox -haemoph B-poly combinations	Trihibit, Pediarix		X	
Haemophilus B	Pedvax HIB, ActHIB, Hibtiter, Hiberix		X	
Haemophilus B-Hepatitis B combination	Comvax		X	
Hep A and Hep B combination	Twinrix		X	
Hepatitis A	Havrix, Vaqta			X
Hepatitis B	Recombivax HB, Engerix-B			X
Herpes zoster	Zostavax		X	
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	Gardasil; Cervarix		X	

Influenza		X		
Japanese encephalitis	Je-Vax, Ixiaro		X	
Measles	Attenuvax		X	
Measles-mumps-rubella; measles-rubella combinations	M-M-R; M-R-Vax		X	
Measles-rubella combination	M-R-VAX II; Proquad		X	
Meningococcal	Menomune, Menactra		X	
Mumps	Mumpsvax		X	
Pneumococcal		X		
Poliovirus	Ipol		X	
Rabies	Imovax Rabies, Rabavert			X
Rotavirus	Rotateq, Rotarix		X	
Rubella	Meruvax		X	
Tetanus toxoid	Tetanus toxoid			X
Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis	<i>Tet/Dip</i> , Infanrix, Tripedia, Daptacel, Adacel, Boostrix		X	
Tetanus Toxoid combinations	Decavac; Diphtheria/Tetanus Toxoid; Kinrix; Pediarix; Pentacel		X	
Tuberculosis	TICE BCG		X	
Typhoid	Typhim Vi		X	
Typhoid vaccine, oral	Vivotif Berna EC		X	
Varicella	Varivax, <i>varicella zoster</i>		X	
Yellow fever	YF-Vax		X	

***Precertification programs, step-therapy programs and/or dispensing quantity limits may apply to certain medications covered under Medicare Part D. For additional information please go to http://www.aetna.com/products/rx/pcpb_menu.html**

Note: Each benefits plan defines which services are covered, which are excluded, and which are subject to dollar caps or other limits. Members and their health care providers will need to consult the member's benefits plan to determine if there are any exclusions or other benefit limitations applicable to this service or supply. The member's benefits plan determines coverage. Some plans exclude coverage for services or supplies that Aetna considers medically necessary. If there is a discrepancy between this information and a member's plan of benefits, the benefits plan will govern. In addition, coverage may be mandated by applicable legal requirements of CMS for Medicare members. CMS's Coverage Database can be found on the following website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/partnerships/downloads/determine.pdf>

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