



Medicare Vaccine Coverage Guidance

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Medicare Part B Covered Vaccines (reimbursed for in-clinic administration):

- Influenza Vaccines
- Pneumococcal Vaccines
- Covid-19 Vaccines
- Hepatitis B Vaccines for persons at high and intermediate risk¹ per below:
 - ESRD patients
 - Hemophiliacs who receive Factor VIII or IX concentrate
 - Clients of institutions for individuals with intellectual disabilities
 - Persons who live in the same household as a Hepatitis B Virus carrier
 - Homosexual men
 - Illicit injectable drug users
 - Pacific islanders (that is, those Medicare beneficiaries who reside on Pacific islands under U.S. jurisdiction, other than residents of Hawaii)
 - Persons diagnosed with diabetes mellitus
 - Staff in institutions for individuals with intellectual disabilities and classroom employees who work with individuals with intellectual disabilities
 - Workers in health care professions who have frequent contact with blood and blood-derived body fluids during routine work (including workers who work outside of the hospital and have frequent contact with blood or other infectious secretions)
 - Heterosexually active persons with multiple sexual partners (that is, those Medicare beneficiaries who have had at least two documented episodes of sexually transmitted diseases within the preceding 5 years)
 - Individuals who have not previously received a completed hepatitis B vaccination series or whose previous vaccination history is unknown.
- Vaccines related directly to the treatment of an injury or direct exposure (Tetanus and Rabies vaccine)
 - If directly related to the treatment of an injury or direct exposure to a disease or condition, such as anti-rabies treatment, tetanus antitoxin or booster vaccine, botulin antitoxin, antivenin sera, or immune globulin.

Medicare Part D/Medicare Advantage* Covered Vaccines (reimbursed for PHARMACY ONLY):

- Shingles (Varicella Zoster, Shingrix)
- RSV
- Tetanus/diphtheria (Td)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) (Tdap)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B, if you're at low risk for the virus
- MMR Vaccine
- Meningococcal
- BCG for tuberculosis

References:

1. [Medicare Benefit Policy Manual](#); issued 7/25/25, effective 01/01/25, implementation 10/06/2025; p. 46-68

*Disclaimer: For any uncertainty regarding vaccine coverage in which setting, encourage patients to reach out to their insurance provider.