

MEDI-CAREFIRST BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD Vaccine & Administration Policy

Your Medi-CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (Medi-CareFirst) plan pays toward the cost of Part D vaccines as well as administration fees, which result from the administration of a vaccine by a doctor or pharmacist.

- The amount you pay for Part D vaccines will depend on how the vaccine is given to you (shot or pill), and who (pharmacist or doctor/nurse) gives it to you.
- In some situations, the vaccine and the administration fee will be billed separately. When this happens, you may pay separate cost sharing amounts for the vaccine and for the administration of the vaccine. The following chart describes the scenarios members or providers may encounter.

NOTE: Influenza, Pneumococcal-23, and Hepatitis B for Intermediate to High Risk patients are not Part D vaccines and will only be covered under your Part B benefit.

If injectable vaccine is obtained at:	And is given by:	Members pay or are reimbursed
Pharmacy	Pharmacy (if your pharmacist does not give vaccines, see scenario below)	<p>Members pay 25% coinsurance for the vaccines and vaccine administration.</p> <p>Participating pharmacies use an online process for payment. Members do not need to complete any claims forms—no reimbursement is needed.</p>
Pharmacy	Physician	<p>Members pay 25% coinsurance at the pharmacy. Members are also responsible for paying the entire administration fee (see below for reimbursement).</p> <p>Vaccines obtained from a participating pharmacy are processed online—no claim form for vaccines is needed when using a participating pharmacy.</p> <p>Vaccine Administration Reimbursement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ To be reimbursed for the physician’s administration fee, members must complete and submit a Direct Reimbursement Claim form. ■ Members must pay the 25% coinsurance on the allowable administration fee (\$20). Medi-CareFirst will reimburse the member for the remaining amount (the total cost minus the 25% coinsurance). ■ Members are also responsible for paying the difference, if any, between the doctor’s administration fee and what Medi-CareFirst allows for an administration fee, which is \$20. <p>For example, if your doctor charges \$30 for his administration fee, you would pay a 25% coinsurance on the allowable amount of \$20 (\$5). Because the administration fee is more than \$20, you would pay an additional \$10, which is the difference between what the doctor charged (\$30) and what Medi-CareFirst allows (\$20). Your total cost would be \$15.00.</p>

If injectable vaccine is obtained at:	And is given by:	Members pay or are reimbursed
Physician's office	Physician	<p>Members pay the physician up front for the entire cost of both the vaccine and the administration fee (see below for reimbursement). Vaccine and Vaccine Administration Reimbursement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ To be reimbursed for both the vaccine and its administration fee, members must complete and submit a Direct Reimbursement Claim form. ■ Members pay a 25% coinsurance. Medi-CareFirst will reimburse the member for the remaining amount (the total allowed cost minus the 25% coinsurance). ■ If the administration fee and/or cost of the vaccine is more than what Medi-CareFirst pays, the member must (in addition to the coinsurance) pay the difference. <p>For example, Medi-CareFirst allows approximately \$169* for the cost of Zostavax vaccine for shingles and \$20 for its administration fee. You will pay 25% coinsurance for the combined cost of the vaccine and its administration, which, with the above rates, would cost you \$47.25. However, if your doctor charges more than \$169* for the Zostavax vaccine and/or more than \$20 for its administration, you will pay the difference between what Medi-CareFirst allows and what your doctor charges.</p> <p><i>* Reimbursement amount for vaccines are subject to change based on the market cost.</i></p>

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Medi-CareFirst reimbursement fee for vaccine administration?

A: Medi-CareFirst's allowed fee for vaccine administration for all providers is \$20.

Q: How do members get reimbursed?

A: If Part D vaccine and/or administration are received at the physician's office, the member will be responsible for mailing a completed Direct Reimbursement Claim form, along with the detailed receipt, to his/her plan for reimbursement. Members enrolled in a Blue Rx plan should use [this form](#) and members enrolled in an AdvantageBlue PFFS plan should use [this form](#).

Q: Are Influenza and Pneumococcal-23 vaccines covered under Part D?

A: No. Influenza and Pneumococcal-23 vaccines and their administration fees are only covered under the member's Part B benefit.

Q: Is the Hepatitis B vaccine covered under Part D?

A: For patients who are considered to have an intermediate to high risk of contracting Hepatitis B, Hepatitis B vaccine and administration are covered under Part B. For all other patients, coverage is provided under Part D.

Q: How do physicians get reimbursed for Part B vaccine?

A: For Part B vaccines, providers must submit a CMS 1500 form to the member's Part B Provider for reimbursement.

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