

1.) Does Medicare D cover the admin fee for influenza, Pneumococcal, and Hepatitis B vaccines?

No, influenza, Pneumococcal, and Hepatitis B vaccines and their administration are covered Part B benefits, and NOT covered by part D.

2.) Do commercial plans pay an admin fee for influenza and Pneumococcal vaccines?

Yes, most plans pay an admin fee between \$12 and \$20, although some plans do not pay an admin fee at all.

3.) Can I use my Medicare B DME PTAN # to also bill vaccines?

You can fill out a CMS 855B enrollment application (<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms-Items/CMS019476.html>) to obtain a separate PTAN# which will enable you to bill vaccines to Medicare B. (Note: the current application fee is \$553 every 3 years) It can take 4 to 6 weeks to obtain your number. CT, MA, ME, and RI pharmacies should send enrollment application to: National Government Services, Provider Enrollment, PO Box 7149, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7149.

4.) Can I bill Zostavax shingles vaccine to Part B?

No, the shingles vaccine is not covered by Part B; but all Medicare D plans cover the shingles vaccine and many commercial plans do as well. Go to <https://www.merckvaccines.com/Professional-Resources/Pages/plan-specific-info.aspx> to find state specific information on plans that cover Zostivax. Typical Admin fee for shingles vaccine is \$20. According to CVS/Caremark Vaccination Provider contract, if a plan sponsor does not pay for admin fee you can charge the patient your U&C admin fee plus the drug copay on the claim for the product.

5.) If I have a signed standing order for flu shots from a physician, do I also need a standing order for other vaccines such as a shingles shot or pneumococcal?

Yes. You must have a standing order specific to each vaccine. Go to <http://www.immunize.org/standing-orders/> to find standing orders.

6.) Do I need to get a new standing order every year?

No, unless the physician has put an expiration date on the standing order. A typical standing order reads: *This policy and procedure shall remain in effect for all patients of the _____ until rescinded or until _____ (date).*

7.) Must a provider accept assignment if he/she is billing vaccines to Medicare B?

Yes, all providers who administer influenza and pneumococcal vaccines must accept assignment on those claims.

8.) If a beneficiary receives a seasonal influenza virus vaccine more than once in a 12-month period, will Medicare still pay for it?

Yes, Medicare pays for one flu vaccine per influenza season; however, a beneficiary could receive a flu vaccine twice in a calendar year for two different influenza seasons and Medicare would reimburse the provider for each.

9.) Where can I find Vaccination Information Sheets and other patient handouts?

Go to www.immunize.org

10.) Where else can I find information on immunizations?

Go to www.merckvaccines.com. There is a wealth of information for Pharmacists on this site including: templates for patient and physician notification, information on the Merck Adult Vaccination Program, A Merck adult vaccinator locator, etc.

11.) How do I bill an administration fee?

- 1.) For commercial plans and Med D payors, you can enter the admin fee into the admin field on your pharmacy system. *Contact your software vendor for further instruction.*
- 2.) You will need to subscribe to a service such as:

Argosy Group*	http://argosygroup.org/	1-860-567-2722
Emdeon	http://www.emdeon.com/flu/	1-877-363-3666
OmniSYS	http://omnisys-llc.com/	1-800-448-6891
EZDME	http://www.ezdme.com	1-888-273-0033
Electronic Billing Solutions	http://www.ebsservice.com/	1-573-472-3613

**Argosy is an authorized NPSC Vendor*

For those with QS1's HME Software (System One), QS1 recommends submitting claims through Zirmed. You can enroll by calling QS1 at 800-845-7558.

12.) Do I bill immunization Part B claims to the same carrier as I do for DME?

No, NHIC, Corp., provides its services to suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment for Jurisdiction A, which includes: CT, MA, ME, and RI. Immunizations being billed to Medicare Part B go through NGS (National Government Services).

13.) Is there a website where my pharmacy can be listed so patients in my community know I provide adult vaccines?

Yes, you can sign up for an account to have your pharmacy listed on HealthMap Vaccine Finder. Go to <http://healthmap.org/vaccinefinder/admin/signup/>. If you already have a Vaccine Finder account, enter your data on vaccines and vaccination services. Log in at <http://healthmap.org/vaccinefinder/admin/> to get started.