

## Part D Coverage for Vaccinations

Effective January 1, 2008, the vaccine and vaccine administration costs for some vaccinations previously reimbursed under Part B will now be considered a Medicare Part D benefit.

Please note that Influenza and Pneumonia vaccines, plus their administration remain under Part B and are not impacted by this change. Additionally, vaccines which are administered to a beneficiary in a high risk situation, such as injury or direct exposure, will remain covered under Part B for the vaccine itself and the vaccine administration.

We appreciate any assistance physician offices can provide to beneficiaries in obtaining copies of the [Reimbursement Claim Form](#). Physician offices also need to provide the receipt for the vaccination and vaccination administration so beneficiaries can submit it along with their Reimbursement Claim Form to Express Scripts Inc. (ESI).

Information on this page will direct both beneficiaries and providers on how to navigate Part D Coverage for Vaccinations. Please use the links below for further information:

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## Beneficiary Cost-Sharing for Vaccinations

For vaccines, beneficiaries will be responsible for the following cost-sharing:

### **Community HealthFirst™ MA Urban & MA Rural Beneficiaries (without Part D coverage):**

- **Coverage:** Influenza and Pneumonia vaccines are covered under Part B. In addition, vaccines provided in a high-risk situation (e.g. injury or direct exposure) will be covered under Part B.
- **At a Pharmacy:** Not a covered benefit.
- **At a Physician's Office:**
  - No cost-sharing for Part B vaccinations.
  - Not a covered benefit for Part D vaccinations.

### **Community HealthFirst MA-PD Urban & MA-PD Rural Beneficiaries (with Part D coverage):**

- **Coverage:** Influenza and Pneumonia vaccines are covered under Part B. Other vaccines are covered under beneficiary's Part D coverage; however vaccines provided in a high-risk situation (e.g. injury or direct exposure) will be covered under Part B.
- **At a Pharmacy:** Part D cost-sharing.
- **At a Physician's Office:**

- Beneficiary pays up-front for the entire cost of the Part D vaccine and its administration. Beneficiary is reimbursed this amount less Part D cost-sharing. Beneficiary should submit to ESI for reimbursement.
- No cost-sharing for Part B vaccinations.

**Special Needs Plan (SNP) Beneficiaries:**

- **Coverage:** Vaccines are covered for MA-SNP beneficiaries.
- **At a Pharmacy:** Pharmacy cost-sharing.
- **At a Physician's Office:** No cost-sharing for vaccine & vaccine administration.

## How Do Medicare Advantage MA-PD Urban and MA-PD Rural Beneficiaries Obtain a Reimbursement?

Beneficiaries who receive Part D vaccines in their physician's office can be reimbursed for vaccine charges less their Part D cost-sharing. To obtain a reimbursement, a Medicare Advantage Part D plan beneficiary must submit a claim to Express Scripts Inc. (ESI). To ensure prompt payment of the claim, a beneficiary should ensure the following:

- The [Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Claim form](#) is filled out completely and accurately. Please [see below for instructions](#) on how to properly fill out the form.
- The beneficiary obtains a receipt for the purchase and administration of the vaccine from their physician's office.
- The beneficiary submits both the Claim Form and vaccination receipt to ESI in an envelope. Please note that the address of ESI (where the Claim Form should be sent) is located at the top of the second page of the Claim Form.

Please note that the physician's office also has access to the Claim Form and can assist beneficiaries in this process.

## General Vaccination FAQs

**1. What has changed?**

- For Community *HealthFirst* plans with Part D, most adult vaccines have moved from the Medicare Part B to the Medicare Part D benefit. This means beneficiaries are now subject to Part D cost-sharing.
- Please note that Influenza and Pneumonia vaccines, plus their administration remain under Part B and are not impacted by this change. Additionally, vaccines which are administered to a beneficiary in a high risk situation, such as injury or direct exposure, will remain covered under Part B for the vaccine itself and the vaccine administration.

**2. Which vaccines are covered under Part B and which are covered under Part D?**

- Influenza and Pneumonia vaccines, plus their administration remain under Part B and are not impacted by this change. Additionally, vaccines which are administered to a beneficiary in a high risk situation, such as injury or direct exposure, will remain covered under Part B for the vaccine itself and the vaccine administration.
- Please click [here for a list of Vaccinations Covered Under Medicare Part D](#).

**3. How do I fill out the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Claim form for a vaccination I received at my physician's office?**

- Please refer to the instructions on page two of the claim form for filling out the Cardholder/Beneficiary Information.

- Please note that most of the Prescription Information section does not need to be filled out, but your receipt **must** contain the required information to be processed successfully.
  - Indicate the number of receipts submitted for reimbursement by filling in the **“Number of receipts attached”** section.
    - Please note that it is preferable to have receipts unattached or taped to a separate piece of paper. *Please* DO NOT staple or glue.
  - If you received your vaccination at a physician’s office, then your receipt will look different than the one you typically receive at a pharmacist’s office. The Claim Form describes what information you need on a prescription receipt; however, below is a clarification of what information is needed on a vaccination receipt from your physician’s office:
    - **Beneficiary’s Name**
    - **Beneficiary’s Date of Birth**
    - **Physician’s name & address**
    - **Vaccine Name**
    - **Vaccine NDC #**
    - **Date of vaccination administration**
    - **Price.** The price paid for the vaccine and vaccine administration should be **separate line items** on your receipt.
  - Information *not* required on your vaccine receipt include: Days Supply, Script Number, Vaccine Strength, and Quantity
  - Note: To assure proper processing, please use separate claim forms for vaccinations received from a physician and prescription drugs received from a pharmacy.
- 4. Will I need to get my vaccine shots at my pharmacy instead of my physician’s office to avoid paying up front?**
- You can obtain vaccinations from pharmacies which offer these services.
  - You may also continue to obtain vaccinations from your physician’s office.
- 5. I am a dual eligible (SNP) beneficiary. Do I still need to pay out of pocket for my Part D Vaccines?**
- Community *HealthFirst* MA-SNP beneficiaries will not have an out of pocket expense. Physicians will not ask MA-SNP beneficiaries to pay any up front costs for vaccines.
- 6. If I pay for my vaccine up front how do I get reimbursed?**
- If you are a Community *HealthFirst* beneficiary with Part D coverage, you should submit a claim to Express Scripts Inc. (ESI), Community Health Plan’s contracted Pharmacy Benefit Manager, for reimbursement of your vaccine and vaccine administration costs. The [Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Claim Form](#) can be printed from the Community *HealthFirst* website.
  - To ensure prompt payment of your claim, beneficiaries should ensure the following:
    - ❖ The Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Claim form is filled out completely and accurately. Please click [here for instructions](#)
    - ❖ You obtain a receipt for the purchase and administration of the vaccine from your physician’s office.
    - ❖ Submit both the Claim Form and receipt to ESI in an envelope. Please note that the address of ESI (where the Claim Form should be sent) is located at the top of the second page of the Claim Form.
  - The physician’s office also has access to these documents and can assist beneficiaries in this process.
- 7. Will Community *HealthFirst* mail a copy of the reimbursement form to me or will I need to request it?**
- A manual claim form can be printed from the Community *HealthFirst* website [here](#). The physician’s office can also assist in the printing and submission process. If you cannot access the form from the Community *HealthFirst* website, you can request one be mailed

to you by calling Customer Service 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at 1-800-942-0247 or TTY/TDD hearing impaired 1-866-816-2479.

8. **How long will it take for me to receive my reimbursement from ESI?**
  - ESI generally processes beneficiary submitted claims with complete information within thirty (30) days.
9. **What if I don't receive my money by that time, who do I contact?**
  - If you do not receive your reimbursement within thirty (30) days, please call Customer Service 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at 1-800-942-0247 or TTY/TDD hearing impaired 1-866-816-2479.
10. **What if I my reimbursement request is denied?**
  - If your reimbursement request is denied, follow the instructions sent to you by ESI. If you have further questions please call Customer Service 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at 1-800-942-0247 or TTY/TDD hearing impaired 1-866-816-2479.
11. **My doctor sent me a bill because Community *HealthFirst* denied his claim form for my Part D vaccine. Do I need to pay this?**
  - If a physician sends a Community *HealthFirst* MA-SNP beneficiary a bill, then this bill was sent in error. Please inform Community Health Plan of this error by contacting Customer Service 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at 1-800-942-0247 or TTY/TDD hearing impaired 1-866-816-2479.
  - If you are a Community *HealthFirst* MA-PD beneficiary (with Part D coverage), you should pay the physician up front for the vaccine and vaccine administration. You should then submit a claim form with a receipt from your physician's office to ESI for reimbursement.

## FAQs for Providers

1. **What has changed?**
  - For Community *HealthFirst* plans with Part D, most adult vaccines have moved from the Medicare Part B to the Medicare Part D benefit. This means beneficiaries are now subject to Part D cost-sharing, with the vaccines and vaccine administration affecting a beneficiary's donut hole.
  - Please note that Influenza and Pneumonia vaccines, plus their administration remain under Part B and are not impacted by this change. Additionally, vaccines which are administered to a beneficiary in a high risk situation, such as injury or direct exposure, will remain covered under Part B for the vaccine itself and the vaccine administration.
2. **Which vaccines are covered under Part B and which are covered under Part D?**
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  - Please click [here for a list of Vaccinations Covered Under Medicare Part D](#).
  - The full list of vaccines is included in the Comprehensive Prescription Drug Formulary. The [Comprehensive Drug Formulary List](#) is available on the Community *HealthFirst* website.
3. **How will I know which Community *HealthFirst* beneficiaries to charge up front for Part D vaccines?**
  - To identify a Community *HealthFirst* MA-PD Urban or MA-PD Rural beneficiary, refer to their ID card, which indicates Group Numbers 008 or 009. These beneficiaries should be charged up front for vaccine and vaccine administration costs. Group Number 005 indicates a Community *HealthFirst* MA-SNP beneficiary. These beneficiaries should not be charged up front.
  - Part D benefits for Community *HealthFirst* MA-PD Urban and MA-PD Rural beneficiaries are billed to Express Scripts Inc. (ESI), Community Health Plan's contracted Pharmacy

Benefit Manager. Beneficiaries are responsible for submitting a claim to ESI and will be reimbursed by ESI directly. Therefore, it will be necessary for the beneficiary to pay the provider for the vaccine and vaccine administration costs at the time the services are rendered. Providers are required to provide each beneficiary with an itemized receipt listing the price paid for the vaccine and vaccine administration on separate line items. Beneficiaries will submit this receipt, along with their claim form to ESI for reimbursement. For instructions on what information must be included on the beneficiary's receipt, [please click here](#).

**4. How do I submit a claim for your dual eligible beneficiaries under the Part D vaccine benefit?**

- For Community *HealthFirst* MA-SNP beneficiaries, there is no beneficiary cost-sharing for vaccination services. Providers should *not* collect fees for these services from SNP beneficiaries. For these beneficiaries, please submit the vaccine and vaccine administration charges to Community Health Plan the same way you submitted vaccine claims previously, using the standard claims flow in place through Adaptis. Providers will be reimbursed directly by Community Health Plan for MA-SNP beneficiaries.

**5. I am not contracted with your plan, can I still bill for service of Part D vaccines to your beneficiaries?**

- For Community *HealthFirst* MA-PD Urban or MA-PD Rural beneficiaries, providers should charge up front for vaccine and vaccine administration costs, and instruct the beneficiary to seek reimbursement as described above.
- For Community *HealthFirst* MA-SNP beneficiaries, we ask that providers not bill beneficiaries up front. The claim should be submitted to Community Health Plan for processing at:

Community Health Plan Claims  
PO Box 91008  
Seattle, WA 98111-9108

**6. As a provider, what steps can I take to help my non dual beneficiaries receive their refunds as soon as possible?**

- Providers can assist Medicare Advantage Part D beneficiaries by:
  - ❖ Printing out a [Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Claim Form](#) (reimbursement form) from the Community *HealthFirst* website for the beneficiary and helping them fill it out.
  - ❖ Ensuring the beneficiary has a copy of their vaccine receipt to include with their Claim Form. For processing, the receipt must include:
    1. **Beneficiary's Name**
    2. **Beneficiary's Date of Birth**
    3. **Physician's name**
    4. **Physician's address**
    5. **Vaccine Name**
    6. **Vaccine NDC #**
    7. **Date of vaccination administration**
    8. **Price.** The price paid for the vaccine and vaccine administration (which must be **separate line items** on the receipt)
  - ❖ Providing an envelope to the beneficiary with ESI's address already filled out (which can be found at the top of the second page of the Claim Form).

**7. I am a pharmacy with the ability to administer some Part D vaccines; do I bill this service to Community Health Plan or ESI?**

- A pharmacy administering vaccines should bill ESI online for both the vaccine and the vaccine administration costs.

## Vaccinations Covered Under Medicare Part D

<b>Vaccination Name</b>
ACTHIB
ATTENUVAX
COMVAX
ENGERIX-B
GARDASIL
HAVRIX
HIBTITER
IMOVAX RABIES
IPOL
JE-VAX
MENACTRA
MENOMUNE-A/C/Y/W-135 VIAL
MERUVAX II
M-M-R II
M-R-VAX II
MUMPSVAX
PEDVAXHIB
PROQUAD VIAL
RABAVERT RABIES
RECOMBIVAX
ROTATEQ
TWINRIX
TYPHIM
VAQTA
VARIVAX
VIVOTIF BERNA
YF-VAX
ZOSTAVAX

Please refer to the [Comprehensive Drug Formulary List](#) for current details and information.