

Pharmacy Vaccination Program

Vaccinations are important to the maintenance of a healthy workforce and can lead to lower medical costs and less illness-related absenteeism. In an effort to broaden the reach of flu, pneumonia, and other vaccinations, Express Scripts offers a retail pharmacy immunization program that is more convenient and less expensive than vaccines administered in a physician’s office.

Express Scripts’ Clinical, Research, and New Solutions team estimates that a pharmacy-administered vaccine saves clients up to \$70 compared to a vaccination administered at the physician’s office on many prevalent vaccines.

Additional benefits of our program include:

- Participating pharmacies do not require appointments to administer vaccines
- Members have significant flexibility regarding hours and locations
- Access to a national network of contracted retailers
- Member communications materials available
- Online claims adjudication
- Drug utilization review
- Claims reporting

How It Works

The client chooses which vaccines to cover in our network pharmacies. After the client enrolls in the program, Express Scripts pays network pharmacies a contracted professional service fee (PSF)/vaccine administration fee of \$15 for flu and \$20 for non-flu vaccines when a vaccine is administered. Express Scripts adjudicates the claim electronically to leverage our drug utilization review (DUR) capabilities. Our claims system then prices the claim considering the cost of the medication as submitted by the pharmacy; the Usual and Customary (U&C) price; and the contracted ingredient cost (AWP - discount percent), dispensing fee, and PSF. The lowest total cost will apply. In addition, our claims system can include edits to limit payment of a dispensing fee and PSF, if required by your state’s Medicaid program for vaccines administered in the pharmacy setting. Each vaccine claim is subject to an Express Scripts program fee, which will be billed separately on the client’s administrative invoice.

Members can access a list of participating pharmacies by logging in to Express Scripts’ member website or by calling the Contact Center. Members should contact their local in-network pharmacy regarding vaccine availability, age restrictions, prescription requirements, and pharmacist availability.

The following vaccines are available through our Pharmacy Vaccination program:

| Disease State | Vaccine Group | Healthcare Reform Immunization |
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| Influenza | Flu (covered under Medicare Part B) | ✓ |
| Hepatitis A Virus, Hepatitis B Virus | Hepatitis | ✓ |
| Pneumococcal | Pneumonia (covered under Medicare Part B) | ✓ |



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| Shingles | Zoster | ✓ |
| Human Papillomavirus | HPV | ✓ |
| Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Haemophilus influenza, Poliomyelitis | Childhood Vaccines | ✓ |
| Meningococcal | Meningitis | ✓ |
| Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus Booster | Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis | ✓ |
| Rabies | Rabies | ✓ |
| Japanese Encephalitis, Smallpox, Typhoid, Yellow Fever | Travel Vaccines and Bioterrorism | ✓ |

Note: Every state has specific regulations regarding age restrictions and what vaccines can be administered by a pharmacist. Members should check with their local pharmacy for further clarification.

Onsite Clinics

Onsite clinics at pharmacies do not process vaccine claims through the pharmacy benefit because these clinics are not contracted with Express Scripts; they only process vaccine claims through the medical benefit. To achieve the most savings, the member must have the pharmacist administer the vaccine.



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