



September 29, 2016

Re: Influenza Vaccine

Flu Vaccine Access Via Pharmacy Vaccine Network

Effective 9/15/2016, IEHP Medi-Cal and Medicare DualChoice Cal MediConnect (IEHP Direct) Members who are over 18 years old may obtain Flu Vaccines through the IEHP Pharmacy Vaccine Network. Please note that Members under 18 years old must obtain VFC-covered vaccines through their PCP's office. There is no contracted Pharmacy able to provide VFC-covered vaccines currently. Pharmacy Vaccine Network listing is available through our website at <https://ww3.iehp.org/en/members/find-a-doctor/> (under IEHP "Find a Doctor, Urgent Care or Pharmacy Webpage)

Dear IEHP Provider:

On August 26, 2016, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published the updated recommendations regarding the use of influenza vaccine for the 2016-2017 influenza season. The primary changes and updated recommendations are as follows:

For 2016–17, ACIP recommends the following:

- Routine annual influenza vaccination of all persons aged ≥ 6 months without contraindications continues to be recommended. No preferential recommendation is made for one influenza vaccine product over another for persons for whom more than one licensed, recommended product is otherwise appropriate.
- In light of low effectiveness against influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 in the United States during the 2013–14 and 2015–16 seasons, for the 2016–17 season, **ACIP makes the interim recommendation that LAIV4 should not be used.** Because LAIV4 is still a licensed vaccine that might be available and that some providers might elect to use, for informational purposes, reference is made to previous recommendations for its use.

- 2016–17 U.S. trivalent influenza vaccines will contain an A/California/7/2009 (H1N1)–like virus, an A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2)–like virus and a B/Brisbane/60/2008–like virus (Victoria lineage). Quadrivalent vaccines will include an additional vaccine virus strain, a B/Phuket/3073/2013–like virus (Yamagata lineage).
- Recent new vaccine licensures are discussed:
 - An MF59-adjuvanted trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (aIIV3), Flud (Seqirus, Holly Springs, North Carolina), was licensed by FDA in November 2015 for persons aged ≥ 65 years. Regulatory information is available at <http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/SafetyAvailability/VaccineSafety/ucm473989.htm>. aIIV3 is an acceptable alternative to other vaccines licensed for persons in this age group. ACIP and CDC do not express a preference for any particular vaccine product.
 - A quadrivalent formulation of Flucelvax (cell culture-based inactivated influenza vaccine [ccIIV4], Seqirus, Holly Springs, North Carolina) was licensed by FDA in May 2016, for persons aged ≥ 4 years. Regulatory information is available at: <http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/Vaccines/ApprovedProducts/ucm502844.htm>. ccIIV4 is an acceptable alternative to other vaccines licensed for persons in this age group. No preference is expressed for any particular vaccine product.
- Recommendations for influenza vaccination of persons with egg allergy have been modified, including:
 - Removal of the recommendation that egg-allergic recipients should be observed for 30 minutes post vaccination for signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction. Providers should consider observing all patients for 15 minutes after vaccination to decrease the risk for injury should they experience syncope, per the ACIP General Recommendations on Immunization.
 - A recommendation that persons with a history of severe allergic reaction to egg (i.e., any symptom other than hives) should be vaccinated in an inpatient or outpatient medical setting (including but not necessarily limited to hospitals, clinics, health departments, and physician offices), under the supervision of a health care provider who is able to recognize and manage severe allergic conditions.

Vaccine Coverage

VFC covered vaccines

VFC (Vaccines for Children)-eligible children who are aged 6 months through 18 years should receive influenza vaccination through VFC program.

IEHP Medi-Cal (Over 18 years old) and Medicare DualChoice Cal MediConnect Plan (Medicare- Medicaid Plan)

IEHP will reimburse Providers the cost of the vaccine for IEHP Medi-Cal (over 18 years old) and Medicare DualChoice Cal MediConnect Members (IEHP Direct Members) by line of business (Medi-Cal / Medicare Rate). Submit your completed CMS1500 claim form with the correct CPT code to **IEHP Claims Dept.**, P.O. Box 4349, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729-4349.

Flu vaccine coverage

Codes	Description	IEHP Medi-Cal under 18 Years of Age	IEHP Medi-Cal Adult Members	IEHP Medicare DualChoice- <u>IEHP Direct</u>
90630	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, preservative free, for intradermal use Ages 18-64 only FLUZONE INTRADERMAL QUADRIVALENT	N/A	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90654	Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3), split virus, preservative free, for intradermal use Ages 18-64 only FLUZONE INTRADERMAL	N/A	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90655	Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3), split virus, preservative free, for children 6-35 months of age, for	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under

	<p>intramuscular use</p> <p>FLUZONE PEDIATRIC</p>			Parts A&B
90656	<p>Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3), split virus, preservative free, for use in individuals 3 years and above, for intramuscular use</p> <p>AFLURIA, FLUZONE, FLUARIX, FLUVIRIN, EZ Flu</p>	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90657	<p>Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3), split virus, for children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use</p> <p>FLUZONE</p>	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90658	<p>Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3), split virus, for use in individuals 3 years of age and above, for intramuscular use</p> <p>BN: FLUZONE, FLUVIRIN, AFLURIA, FLULAVAL</p>	VFC Covered	Covered	Not covered; use a vaccine-specific Q code.
90660	<p>Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (LAIV3), live, for intranasal use</p> <p>Ages 2-49 years only</p> <p><i>Product no longer available</i></p> <p>BN: FLUMIST</p>	N/A	N/A	N/A
90661	<p>Influenza virus vaccine (ccIIV3), derived from cell cultures, subunit, preservative and antibiotic free, for intramuscular use</p> <p>Ages 18-99 only</p>	N/A	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B

	FLUCELVAX			
90662	Influenza virus vaccine (IIV), split virus, preservative free, enhanced immunogenicity via increased antigen content, for intramuscular use Ages 65 & older only FLUZONE HIGH DOSE	N/A	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90672	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, live (LAIV4), for intranasal use Ages 2-49 only FLUMIST QUADRIVALENT	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered
90673	Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (RIV3), derived from recombinant DNA (RIV3), hemagglutinin (HA) protein only, preservative and antibiotic free, for intramuscular use Ages 18-49 only FLUBLOK	N/A	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90685	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use Ages 6-35 months only FLUZONE QUADRIVALENT	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90686	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B

	Ages 3-99 years only FLUZONE QUADRIVALENT, FLUARIX QUADRIVALENT			
90687	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use Ages 3-35 months only FLUZONE QUADRIVALENT	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90688	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use Ages 3-99 years only FLULAVAL QUADRIVALENT, FLUZONE QUADRIVALENT	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
Q2034	Agriflu influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for intramuscular use, ages 18-99 years only AGRIFLU	N/A	N/A	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
Q2035	Afluria influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for use in individuals 3 years of age and above , for intramuscular use AFLURIA	N/A	N/A	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
Q2036	Flulaval influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for use in individuals 3 years of age and above , for intramuscular use	N/A	N/A	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B

	FLULAVAL			
Q2037	Fluvirin influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for use in individuals 3 years of age and above , for intramuscular use FLUVIRIN	N/A	N/A	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
Q2038	Fluzone influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for use in individuals 3 years of age and older , for intramuscular use FLUZONE, FLUZONE PEDIATRIC, FLUZONE HIGH DOSE	N/A	N/A	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
Q2039	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older , for intramuscular use (not otherwise specified) FLUZONE HIGH DOSE, FLUARIX	N/A	N/A	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B

*****NEW Expanded Adult Vaccines at IEHP Pharmacy Vaccine Network*****

Starting in September 2016, IEHP Medi-Cal or Medicare Members may receive ACIP recommended Adult Vaccines through our Pharmacy Vaccine Network, including but not limited to:

1. Influenza
2. Td/Tdap
3. Varicella
4. HPV
5. Zoster
6. MMR
7. PCV13
8. PPSV23
9. Hepatitis A/B
10. MPSV4
11. Hib
12. MenB

Please note that Members under 18 years old must obtain VFC-covered vaccines through their PCP's office. There is no contracted Pharmacy able to provide VFC-covered vaccines currently.

Vaccine coverage by location

Location	IEHP Medi-Cal under 18 Years of Age	IEHP Medi-Cal Adult Members	IEHP Medicare DualChoice (<u>IEHP Direct Members</u>)
Physician office	VFC Covered	Covered VFC restrictions apply	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
Pharmacies that participate in the IEHP Pharmacy Vaccine Network	Not Available	Via IEHP Medi-Cal Pharmacy Vaccine Network Available for Members over 18 Years old	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B Via IEHP Medicare Pharmacy Vaccine Network Available for Members over 18 Years old

It is important to know that the availability of Adult vaccines varies by Pharmacies. If Physician is referring an IEHP Members to one of our Pharmacy Vaccine Network Provider to receive immunization, please refer to our Pharmacy Vaccine Network list and advise the Member to call the pharmacy in advance for scheduling and availability of the vaccine. Although a prescription is not necessary, it is also advised that you provide a prescription in case if the pharmacy lacks a protocol to initiate a prescription.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please call us at (909) 890-2067.

Sincerely,



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