



September 22, 2017

Re: Flu Vaccine Notice: Access to Pharmacy Vaccine Network

Dear IEHP Provider:

Effective 9/1/2017, 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/>

On August 24, 2017, 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 2017-2018 influenza season. The primary changes and updated recommendations are as follows:

- 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.
- Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV4) is not recommended for use during the 2017–18 season due to concerns about its effectiveness against (H1N1) pdm09 viruses during the 2013–14 and 2015–16 seasons.
- For the 2017–18 season, quadrivalent and trivalent influenza vaccines will be available. Inactivated influenza vaccines (IIVs) will be available in trivalent (IIV3) and quadrivalent (IIV4) formulations. Recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV) will be available in trivalent (RIV3) and quadrivalent (RIV4) formulations.
- Vaccine viruses included in the 2017–18 U.S. trivalent influenza vaccines will be an A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1) pdm09–like virus, an A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2)-like virus, and a B/Brisbane/60/2008–like virus (Victoria lineage). Quadrivalent influenza vaccines will contain these three viruses and an additional influenza B vaccine virus, a B/Phuket/3073/2013–like virus (Yamagata lineage).
- New and updated information includes:
 - Pregnant women may receive any licensed, recommended, age-appropriate influenza vaccine.

- Afluria (IIV3; Seqirus, Parkville, Victoria, Australia) may be used for persons aged ≥ 5 years, consistent with Food and Drug Administration–approved labeling.
- FluMist Quadrivalent (LAIIV4; MedImmune, Gaithersburg, Maryland) should not be used during the 2017–18 season due to concerns about its effectiveness against influenza A(H1N1)pdm09 viruses in the United States during the 2013–14 and 2015–16 influenza seasons.

Vaccine Coverage

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.

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.

It is important to know that the availability of Adult vaccines varies by Pharmacies. If a Physician is referring an IEHP Member to one of our Pharmacy Vaccine Network Providers to receive an 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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Enclosure: Flu Vaccine Coverage Table

Inland Empire Health Plan Flu Vaccine Coverage Table

Codes	Description	IEHP Medi-Cal under 18 Years of Age	IEHP Medi-Cal Adult Members	IEHP Medicare DualChoice- <u>IEHP Direct</u>
90630	FLUZONE INTRADERMAL QUADRIVALENT Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, preservative free, for intradermal use Ages 18-64 only	N/A	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90685	FLUZONE QUADRIVALENT Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, for intramuscular use Ages 6-35 months only	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90686	FLUZONE QUADRIVALENT, FLUARIX QUADRIVALENT Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, preservative free, for intramuscular use Ages 3 & older	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90687	FLUZONE QUADRIVALENT Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, for intramuscular use Ages 6-35 months only	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90688	FLUZONE QUADRIVALENT Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, preservative free, for intramuscular use Ages 3 & older	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B

90662	<p>FLUZONE HIGH DOSE Influenza virus vaccine (IIV3), split virus, preservative free, enhanced immunogenicity via increased antigen content, for intramuscular use Ages 65 & older only</p>	N/A	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90686 90688	<p>FLULAVAL QUADRIVALENT Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, preservative free, for intramuscular use Ages 6 months & older</p>	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90653	<p>FLUAD Influenza vaccine (aIIV3), preservative free, intramuscular use Ages 65 & older only</p>	N/A	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90656 90658	<p>FLUVIRIN Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3), split virus, preservative free, for intramuscular use Ages 4 & older</p>	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90673	<p>FLUBLOK Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (RIV3), derived from recombinant DNA (RIV3), hemagglutinin (HA) protein only, preservative and antibiotic free, for intramuscular use Ages 18 and older</p>	N/A	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90682	<p>FLUBLOK QUADRIVALENT Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (RIV4), hemagglutinin (HA) protein only, preservative and antibiotic free, for intramuscular use Ages 18 & older</p>	N/A	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B

90674	<p style="text-align: center;">FLUCELVAX Influenza virus vaccine(ccIIV4), cell culture based quadrivalent hemagglutinin vaccine, intramuscular use Ages 4 & older</p>	VFC Covered	Covered	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90656 90658	<p style="text-align: center;">AFLURIA Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV3) split virus, intramuscular use Ages 5 & older</p>	N/A	N/A	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B
90686 90688	<p style="text-align: center;">AFLURIA Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (IIV4) split virus, intramuscular use Ages 5 & older</p>	N/A	N/A	Covered by IEHP under Parts A&B

Vaccine coverage by location Table

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	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