

# ForwardHealth UPDATE

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Providing the Latest Health Care Benefit Information to ForwardHealth Members



## SeniorCare Now Covers Vaccines at Pharmacies

Vaccines that you get at a pharmacy are now covered under SeniorCare. SeniorCare will **not** cover vaccines that you get at a doctor's office or clinic. You will **not** need a prescription for vaccines. You will **not** have out-of-pocket costs for vaccines given at pharmacies.

### Covered Vaccines

SeniorCare covers these vaccines when you get them at a pharmacy:

- Chickenpox/shingles
- COVID-19
- Flu
- Hepatitis A and B
- Meningitis
- Pneumonia
- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)

Ask your pharmacy about available vaccines and how to schedule an appointment. Bring your SeniorCare card to your appointment.

### What is happening?

In addition to prescription medications, SeniorCare now covers vaccines that you get at a pharmacy.

### Resources

- SeniorCare Prescription Drug Assistance Program webpage: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/seniorcare/index.htm>
- SeniorCare Customer Service Hotline: 800-657-2038

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SeniorCare will only cover vaccines that are recommended for adults ages 65 and older by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and that are given by a pharmacist who has completed the required training in vaccine administration.

### Other Health Insurance

Remember that you must use other health insurance that you have before using SeniorCare. See the next page for information about other health insurance coverage of vaccines, including Medicare coverage.

### Your Out-of-Pocket Costs for SeniorCare

You will **not** have out-of-pocket costs for vaccines that are covered by SeniorCare at a pharmacy.

Your out-of-pocket costs (that is, the amount you pay) for other prescription drugs covered by SeniorCare remains the same.

### For More Information

If you have any questions about this change, please call the SeniorCare Customer Service Hotline at 800-657-2038, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## DID YOU KNOW?

You will not pay out-of-pocket expenses (that is, spenddown, deductible, or copay) for vaccines covered by SeniorCare.

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Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Medicaid Services within the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are administered by the Division of Public Health within DHS.

For questions, call Member Services at 800-362-3002.

# Get the vaccines you need with SeniorCare

It's easier than ever to stay healthy with SeniorCare. You can protect yourself by getting key vaccines with no out-of-pocket costs. Depending on any other coverage you have in addition to SeniorCare, you may need to get some vaccines at a pharmacy and others at your doctor's office. Refer to this handy chart for details, and check with your doctor or pharmacist if you have questions.



Vaccine	Medicare Part B or D Coverage	Primary Insurance Coverage	No Other Coverage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>COVID-19</b></li> <li>• <b>Flu</b></li> <li>• <b>Pneumonia</b></li> </ul>	<p>These vaccines are covered by <b>Medicare Part B</b>. Original Medicare commonly covers these vaccines at 100% of the Medicare-approved amount. <b>Check with your plan on where you can get these vaccines.</b></p> <p>If you have <b>Medicare Part D, but not Medicare Part B</b>, you will use your Part D coverage first, then SeniorCare will cover any copays or deductibles when <b>these vaccines are given at a pharmacy.</b></p>	<p>If you have <b>other primary insurance coverage</b> (such as through a current or former employer or the VA), <b>follow their guidance</b> for getting vaccines at a doctor's office or pharmacy.</p>	<p>If you have <b>no other coverage</b> through Medicare Part B or D or primary insurance, vaccines will be covered by SeniorCare when you <b>get them at a pharmacy.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chickenpox</b></li> <li>• <b>Hepatitis A</b></li> <li>• <b>Meningitis</b></li> <li>• <b>Shingles</b></li> <li>• <b>Tdap</b></li> </ul>	<p>If you have <b>Medicare Part D</b>, you will use this coverage first for these vaccines, then SeniorCare will cover any copays or deductibles when <b>these vaccines are given at a pharmacy.</b></p>	<p>If they cover vaccines at a pharmacy, use this coverage first. Then SeniorCare will cover any copays or deductibles.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hepatitis B</b></li> </ul>	<p>If you have <b>Medicare Part B and meet Medicare criteria, use your Medicare part B</b> for this vaccine. Original Medicare commonly covers this vaccine at 100% of the Medicare-approved amount. <b>Check with your plan on where to get this vaccine.</b></p> <p>If you <b>do not meet Medicare Part B criteria, get this vaccine at a pharmacy</b> with your SeniorCare coverage.</p> <p>If you have <b>Medicare Part D</b>, you will use this coverage first, then SeniorCare will cover any copays or deductibles when <b>these vaccines are given at a pharmacy.</b></p>		

If you have **Medicare Part C**, also called Medicare Advantage, **follow your Medicare plan's guidance** for how to receive a vaccine. SeniorCare will cover copays or deductibles for vaccines received at a pharmacy. If you only have **Medicare Part A**, refer to the **No Other Coverage** column.