



# Medicare Coverage of Immunizations

## **MEDICARE PART B**

Medical benefits

### **Who has Medicare Part B coverage?**

Almost all adults over the age of 65 have Medicare Part B coverage, either directly or through a Medicare Advantage Plan.

### **What immunizations does Medicare Part B cover?**

- All influenza vaccines
- Pneumococcal vaccine\*§
- Medically necessary vaccines (Td for wound management or hepatitis B for high risk persons)\*

### **Where can a person use Medicare Part B insurance coverage?**

- Medical offices
- Some pharmacies
- Some local public health departments

## **MEDICARE PART D**

Prescription benefits

### **Who has Medicare Part D coverage?**

Medicare eligible adults who have chosen to enroll in a prescription drug benefit plan.

### **What immunizations does Medicare Part D cover?**

All immunizations not covered by part B, including:

- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)\*
- Zoster (shingles)\*
- Varicella (chickenpox)\*
- Hepatitis B\*

### **Where can a person use Medicare Part D insurance coverage?**

- Pharmacies
- Some medical offices
- Some local health departments

You may have a large deductible or copay.  
Call the customer service number on the back of your plan card to find out how much it will cost you to get vaccinated.

\* Deductibles and copays may be applied.

§ Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV23) must be separated by one year to be covered by Medicare, unless the patient is immunocompromised. Among immunocompromised patients, the minimum interval between PCV13 and PPSV23 is eight weeks.