

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's
Commercial (non-Medicare) Prescription Drug Plan
Vaccine program effective October 1, 2016

Frequently asked questions

What pharmacies are able to participate in this program?

A pharmacy must be a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan participating pharmacy to participate in this program.

Does this new process apply to Blue Care Network or Medicare Part D members?

No. Participating pharmacies should continue to process BCN and Medicare Part D members' vaccine claims as they do today.

What vaccines can be processed under the Blue Cross pharmacy benefits plan?

The vaccines listed in the chart below are covered under a member's prescription drug plan. If a member doesn't meet the age requirement for a vaccine, Blue Cross won't cover the vaccine under the prescription drug plan, and the claim will reject.

- Flumist will not be covered for the 2016/2017 flu season due to the CDC/ACIP recommendation.
- Serotype B meningococcal vaccines (Bexsero and Trumenba) are not covered under the pharmacy benefit.

Note:

Most of the vaccines that pharmacies can process under a member's prescription drug plan are the same as the ones they can currently process through their medical plan under the Vaccine Affiliation program.

Vaccine	Common name	Age requirements
Influenza virus	Flu (FluMist is not covered)	None
Zoster vaccine live/PF	Shingles	60 and older
Pneumococcal (PPS23)	Pneumonia	None
Pneumococcal (PCV7)	Pneumonia	None
Prevnar 13®	Pneumonia	65 and older
Gardasil®	Human papillomavirus	9 to 27 years old
Gardasil®9	HPV	9 to 27 years old
Cervarix®	HPV	9 to 27 years old
Boostrix®	Tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough	None
Adacel®	Tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough	None
Menveo®	Meningitis	None
Menactra®	Meningitis	None
Menomune®	Meningitis	None

Can I process Blue Cross members' vaccines under both their prescription drug and medical plans?

Some vaccines are covered under both the member's medical and prescription drug benefits. However, for any vaccine administration, you may bill either the medical or the prescription drug benefit, not both:

- If you're a participating pharmacy provider and you're qualified to administer vaccines, you can bill for vaccines under a member's prescription drug plan. Coverage may vary based on a member's benefits.
- If you're a participating pharmacy and participate in our Vaccine Affiliation Program, you can continue to bill vaccines for eligible members under their medical coverage. Coverage may vary based on a member's benefits.

Note: All claims are subject to monitoring.

Who can receive vaccinations at participating retail pharmacies using their pharmacy benefits plan?

Most Blue Cross commercial (non-Medicare) members with prescription drug coverage are eligible. If a member meets the coverage criteria, the vaccine is covered with no cost share. Not all members are eligible. Be sure to check members' eligibility using the current process.

Can members get a vaccine before October 1, 2016?

Yes, if they have vaccine coverage under their medical benefit, and they meet the coverage criteria. Vaccines covered under their medical benefits can be provided only at a participating pharmacy that participates in the Vaccine Affiliation Program.

How should the participating pharmacy bill vaccines for Blue Cross commercial (non-Medicare) members?

Claims for vaccines should be billed like any other pharmacy claim:

- A prescription from a licensed prescriber is required for these vaccines. Standing physician orders or protocols are also acceptable. For additional details about provider administration, please refer to Schedule B of the *Restated and Amended Preferred Rx Participation Agreement* and *Traditional Rx Participation Agreement*.
- Bill the metric quantity administered (for example: Bill 0.5 ml; do not bill quantity of 1).
- Follow state regulations when administering vaccines.
- Pharmacies should use the current National Council for Prescription Drug Programs format to submit eligible vaccines.

All standard claims should also include the following fields:

Note: it is important to populate and submit field 440-E5 and 438-E3 when appropriate for the administration fee reimbursement

Field number	NCPDP field name	Submission criteria	
455-EM	Prescription or service reference number qualifier	1=Rx billing	
473-7E	DUR or PPS code counter	1=Rx billing	
440-E5	Professional service code	MA	If dispensing and administering the vaccine to the member
		Blank	If dispensing vaccine without administration
438-E3	Incentive fee submitted	Provider's vaccine administration fee to include administration and all supplies necessary for injection and administration	
409-D9	Ingredient cost submitted	Vaccine drug ingredient cost	
426-DQ	Usual and customary charge	Amount submitted should include the cost for the vaccine plus provider's vaccine administration fee	

What is the message for rejected pharmacy claims?

- The message for rejected pharmacy claims is 70 for Product-Service Not Covered if there is no age requirement.
- The message for rejected pharmacy claims is 60 for Product-Service Not Covered if the age requirement is not met.
- The message for rejected pharmacy claims is 40 if your pharmacy is not a BCBSM/BCN participating pharmacy.

Can I dispense the vaccine to the member and bill the vaccine for the license prescriber to administer?

No. The select covered vaccines under both the pharmacy benefit and our Vaccine Affiliation Program are intended to be administered and billed by the participating pharmacy.