



October 15, 2018

Re: Flu Vaccine Notice: Access to Pharmacy Vaccine Network

Dear IEHP Provider:

Effective 9/5/2018, 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 who are under 19 years old must obtain VFC-covered vaccines through their PCP's office. Pharmacy Vaccine Network listing is available through our website at: <https://ww3.iehp.org/en/members/find-a-doctor/>.

On August 23, 2018, 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 2018-2019 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.
- For the 2018–2019 season, quadrivalent and trivalent influenza vaccines will be available. Inactivated influenza vaccines (IIVs) will be available in trivalent (IIV3) and quadrivalent (IIV4) formulations. Both recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV) and live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV4) will be available in quadrivalent (RIV4) formulations.
- Vaccine viruses included in the 2018–2019 U.S. trivalent influenza vaccines will be an A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1) pdm09–like virus, an A/Singapore/INFIMH-16-0019/2016 (H3N2)-like virus, and a B/Colorado/06/2017–like virus (Victoria lineage). Quadrivalent influenza vaccines will contain these three HA antigens and an additional influenza B vaccine virus, a B/Phuket/3073/2013–like virus (Yamagata lineage).
- Afluria and Afluria Quadrivalent are licensed for intramuscular administration via jet injector (the Pharmajet Stratis), for persons aged 18-64 years only.

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Vaccine Coverage

Please note that Members who are under 19 years old who meet the required criteria 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 the VFC program.

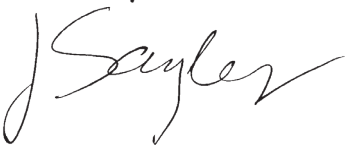
IEHP Medi-Cal (Over 18 years old) and IEHP DualChoice Cal MediConnect Plan (Medicare- Medicaid Plan)

IEHP will reimburse Providers the cost of the vaccine for IEHP Medi-Cal (over 18 years old) and IEHP 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 among 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 the Pharmacy lacks a protocol to initiate a prescription.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please call us at **(909) 890-2049**.

Sincerely,



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