



Geisinger Gold and Medicare Vaccine Coverage

The majority of vaccines and their associated administration fees are covered under the Medicare Part D benefit, except in some cases where CMS has mandated coverage of a select few vaccines under the Medicare Part B benefit. In other cases, some vaccines may be covered under either the Part B or the Part D benefit depending on the reason the vaccine is being administered. For example, vaccines such as rabies or tetanus toxoid given to treat an injury or as a result of direct exposure would be covered under the Part B benefit when provided in conjunction with a physician's service. However the same vaccines given as a preventative service would be covered under the Part D benefit.

There are several ways for a member to receive covered vaccine services.

Preferred billing options for formulary Part D vaccines:

- If a member has Part D coverage through a Geisinger Gold plan, the member may take a prescription for the vaccine to a network pharmacy that offers vaccine administration services. The vaccine and the associated administration fees are covered based on the formulary tier of the vaccine.
- If a member has Part D coverage through a Geisinger Gold plan **and** if a physician's office has enrolled with eDispense Vaccine Manager, the physician may administer the Part D covered vaccine in their office. eDispense is a web based tool designed to provide patient specific vaccine coverage information and allows for on-line claims processing for Medicare Part D vaccines. eDispense will determine applicable member cost sharing to be paid at the physician's office.

Non-preferred billing options for formulary Part D vaccines:

- If a member has Part D coverage through a Geisinger Gold plan and obtains a vaccine covered by the member's formulary from a physician's office that does not use the eDispense Vaccine Manager, the member must pay for the entire cost of the vaccine and the associated administration fee and submit a claim for reimbursement. The member will be responsible for any applicable cost sharing plus any amount above the contracted rate of the cost of the vaccine and any amount above the contract rate for the administration fee.

When the vaccine is covered under the Medicare Part B benefit:

- If a member has a Geisinger Gold Medicare Advantage or MA-PD plan, the vaccine and the administration fee are covered under Part B.
- Geisinger Gold allows members to receive flu vaccines which are B always vaccines at retail pharmacies as a convenience to our members.

Vaccine	Examples	Part B Coverage	Part D Coverage	Requires B vs D Determination
BCG (Tuberculosis)	Theracys, Tice BCG			X
Diphtheria And Tetanus Toxoids	Decavac, Diphtheria-Tetanus		X	
Diphtheria And Tetanus Toxoids/Acellular Pertussis/Hepatitis B / Poliovirus	Pediarix		X	
Diphtheria Toxoid/Tetanus Toxoid/Acellular Pertussis (Dtap/ Tdap)	Infanrix, Adacel, Boostrix, Trihibit, Daptacel, Tripedia		X	
Haemophilus B	Acthib, Pedvaxhib		X	
Haemophilus B /Hepatitis B	Comvax		X	
Hepatitis A /Hepatitis B	Twinrix		X	
Hepatitis A	Havrix, Vaqta			X
Hepatitis B	Engerix-B, Recombivax HB			X
Human Papillomavirus	Cervarix, Gardasil		X	
Influenza		X		
Japanese Encephalitis	Ixiaro, Je-vax		X	
Measles	Attenuvax			X
Measles, Mumps And Rubella	MMR II		X	
Measles, Mumps, Rubella, And Varicella	Proquad		X	
Meningococcal	Menactra, Menveo, Menomune		X	
Pneumococcal	Pneumovax	X		
Poliovirus	Ipol		X	
Rabies	Imovax, Rabavert			X
Rotavirus	Rotateq		X	
Rubella	Meruvax		X	
Tetanus Toxoid Adsorbed	Tetanus Toxoid			X
Typhoid	Typhim VI, Vivotif Berna		X	
Varicella	Varivax		X	
Yellow Fever	YF-vax		X	
Zoster	Zostavax		X	

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