

Medicare Part D Vaccine Administration Claims Submission Instructions For Physicians, Members and Pharmacies

Background – Coverage of Part D Vaccines and Administration of Part D Vaccines

Several vaccines that were formerly covered under Medicare Part B were moved to be covered by Medicare Part D when Part D was introduced in 2006. However, until January 1, 2008, the charges for administering vaccines (whether Part B or Part D) were covered by Medicare Part B.

As of January 1, 2008, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Federal agency that administers Medicare, has instructed health plans that all Medicare Part D covered vaccine fees, including those for administering the vaccines, must be submitted to Medicare Part D health plans for reimbursement.

Enrollees may have either a physician or pharmacy (if state laws allow) administer the vaccine.

The Part D program generally covers those vaccines not available under Part B.

General Information about Reimbursement (submitting claims)

Reimbursement for the administration of Part D vaccines is \$20.00.

Reimbursement for the vaccines is based on ingredient cost.

The member responsibility, if any, should be calculated based on a combined total (vaccine, administration, and dispensing), to ensure that only one co-pay will be charged to the member.

Claim forms (for member submission) can be requested by calling Customer Service at 1-888-838-3827, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., daily, Central and Mountain Time. TTY users should call 1-800-693-3816. These forms can also be accessed by going to our website YourMedicareSolutions.com and going to the Forms section in Member Services. A link to the paper claim form is found by clicking on “Claim Form.”

Members will be reimbursed the difference of drug charge plus \$20.00 for the administration fee minus the enrollee responsibility (co-payment).

Physician Administration:

Physicians can submit claims for vaccines and/or vaccine administration in two ways, either electronically through the eDispense website or by using a CMS 1500 claim form and following a paper claims process.

If you have enrolled with DSI (Part D electronic clearinghouse) to use their eDispense claims system, you can submit claims for vaccines and vaccine administration through their website. This website will also allow you to check member eligibility for various Part D vaccines, as well as to determine the applicable member co-pays, if any.

For more information on eDispense and how to sign up to use that system, please visit: **enroll.edispense.com** and click on the “Click here to Login to eDispense” bar to reach the site demo and/or more information sections of the site, or call DSI at **1-866-522-3386**

If you have decided not to enroll in eDispense, you can use a CMS 1500 claim form to submit claims for vaccines and administration. If you submit a paper claim, it must include:

- the NDC number for the vaccine
- Quantity
- Days supply--use 1

Paper claims can be submitted to:

Group *MedicareBlue* Rx
P. O. Box 64813
St. Paul, MN 55164

If you have questions, please call the member services number on the back of the member’s ID card.

Information for Members:

Members may submit claims for the administration fee only when a physician office administers a pharmacy dispensed vaccine.

See section above titled, “General Information about Reimbursement (submitting claims)” for instructions on how to submit paper claims.

Pharmacy Administration:

Members who have vaccines administered by a network pharmacy should only pay the member responsibility.

The pharmacy should submit the vaccine charge, and both a dispensing fee, and (when appropriate) an administration fee for reimbursement to the Part D sponsor.