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Provider Alert

To: Sharp Health Plan Providers and Provider Office Staff
From: Sharp Health Plan
Date: April 21, 2021
Subject: Covered Medicare Part B and Part D Vaccine Services for Sharp Health Plan Members

Attention Provider Partner:

This notice has important information about Medicare Part B and Part D vaccine coverage for Sharp Health Plan Medicare members. Sharp Health Plan has recently received member grievances about the cost-share of vaccines such as Shingrix. We are sending this notice to provide further clarification around Part B and Part D vaccine coverage. Note: Cost-sharing includes but is not limited to copays, deductibles and coinsurance.

Covered Medicare Part B Vaccine Services

- Pneumococcal vaccine
- Influenza vaccine
- Hepatitis B vaccine if member is at high or intermediate risk of getting hepatitis B
- Other vaccines if member is at risk and meets [Part B coverage rules](#)

There is no coinsurance, copay or deductible for Medicare members with Part B coverage to receive the pneumococcal, influenza and hepatitis B vaccines. We may require prior authorization for certain vaccines. To confirm if prior authorization is needed, please log in to your Sharp Connect provider portal account at sharphealthplan.com/login and refer to the prior authorization guidelines.

Covered Medicare Part D Vaccine Services

- Shingles vaccine
- Meningococcal vaccine
- Td/Tdap vaccine
- Other commercially available vaccines not covered under Part B

Part D coverage for vaccines is made of: (1) the cost of the vaccine and (2) the cost of administering the vaccine.

Our Recommendation for Providers

It is preferred that Medicare members bring the vaccine prescription to a network pharmacy and have it administered at the same pharmacy. Members pay the pharmacy the Part D vaccine copay (which includes the administration fee) and Sharp Health Plan pays the remainder of the costs.



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As an alternative, members may also get their vaccines at their provider's office. However, please note that this option requires members to pay for the vaccine and administration costs upfront, and then submit a reimbursement request to Sharp Health Plan.

Thank you for your continued partnership in providing the best care possible to our members. If you have any questions, please contact us at provider.relations@sharp.com or 1-858-499-8330. We are available to assist you on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yolanda Hunt-Boes".

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Please notify Sharp Health Plan immediately if your fax number changes.

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