

MEDICARE VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations Covered by Medicare Part B

Flu shots

How often is it covered? Medicare Part B normally covers one flu shot per flu season. Additional flu vaccines may be covered if considered medically necessary

Who's eligible? All people with Part B are covered.

Pneumococcal shots

How often is it covered? Medicare Part B covers a pneumococcal shot to prevent pneumococcal infections. Part B also covers a different second shot if it's given one year (or later) after the first shot.

Who's eligible? All people with Part B are covered.

Hepatitis B shots

How often is it covered? Medicare Part B covers Hepatitis B shots.

Who's eligible? People with Part B at **medium or high risk** for Hepatitis B are covered.

Risk for Hepatitis B increases if one of these applies:

- Patient has hemophilia.
- Patient has End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).
- Patient has diabetes.
- Patient lives with someone who has Hepatitis B.
- Patient is a health care worker and has frequent contact with blood or bodily fluids.

The above vaccinations are covered at no cost to the patient if the provider accepts Medicare assignment.

Vaccination Coverage Due to Injury or Exposure

Medicare Td and Tdap: Medicare Part B will cover a Td/Tdap vaccination, if directly related to an injury or disease exposure. Report the appropriate ICD-10 codes for the injury, disease and external cause. Medicare part A & B does not pay for Td/Tdap boosters if it is unrelated to an injury.

Vaccinations Covered by Medicare Part D

- Td/Tdap Booster
- Shingles
- Pertussis
- Hepatitis B (does not satisfy Part B coverage of intermediate or high risk)

Medicare Part D plans may cover all commercially available vaccines if the vaccine is reasonable and necessary to prevent illness. The patient should check with their Medicare part D plan for coverage and reimbursement guidelines. Coverage and share of cost will vary based on the plan the patient selected.

Usually the most cost effective and easiest way for patients to use their Medicare Part D benefit is to have the vaccine administered at the pharmacy after receiving a prescription from the ordering provider.