

Group Update

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No-Cost Flu Shots and Other Immunizations

Immunizations are an important step in preventing illnesses and staying healthy. They are a covered service under your employees' Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey medical benefits.

To provide greater access to this service, Horizon BCBSNJ's in-state immunization network includes many participating pharmacies in our medical network that can provide immunizations throughout the year. These pharmacies can administer vaccines, including flu, shingles, hepatitis A and B, pneumococcal, human papillomavirus (HPV), tetanus and measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), and submit medical claims for these services.

The New Jersey locations of the participating pharmacies listed below can administer vaccines.

Pharmacy	Location
ACME	Locate ACME Savon Pharmacies at acmemarkets.com
CVS	Locate CVS pharmacies at cv.com
Kmart	Locate Kmart pharmacies at kmart.com
Park Plaza Pharmacy	343 State Route 34, Matawan, NJ 07747; 1-732-290-9111
QuickChek	Locate QuickChek pharmacies at qchek.com
Rite Aid	Locate Rite Aid pharmacies at riteaid.com
ShopRite	Locate ShopRite pharmacies at shoprite.com
Walgreens	Locate Walgreens pharmacies at walgreens.com
Wickapecko Pharmacy	1409 Wickapecko Drive, Asbury Park, NJ 07712; 1-732-776-6070

View answers to frequently asked questions on Horizon BCBSNJ's in-state immunization network.

Please communicate this information with your employees by using the *enclosed flyer*. Your employees can also visit **HorizonBlue.com/flu**.

If you have questions, please contact me.



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Horizon BCBSNJ In-State Immunization Network Q&As

Please read the following questions and answers to learn more about Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey's in-state immunization network.

Q1: Can Horizon BCBSNJ members use any pharmacy in the United States?

A1: To receive the highest level of benefits, members are required to use in-state pharmacies in New Jersey that are contracted as participating ancillary providers with Horizon BCBSNJ. The pharmacies that are contracted in New Jersey to administer immunizations are: ACME, CVS, Kmart, Park Plaza Pharmacy, QuickChek, Rite Aid, ShopRite, Walgreens and Wickapecko Pharmacy.

Q2: How much will members pay if they use a contracted pharmacy?

A2: The member cost share is determined by the immunization benefit on the member's medical plan. In most cases, it is covered at 100 percent in accordance with Affordable Care Act (ACA) requirements.

The State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) and School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) allow out-of-network immunizations only for covered child dependents under age 12 months during a well-child visit if the plan includes out-of-network benefits.

If a member has a medical plan with out-of-network benefits and receives a vaccination from a pharmacy that does not participate as an ancillary provider with Horizon BCBSNJ, the member will pay more. The member can submit an out-of-network medical claim form to Horizon BCBSNJ seeking reimbursement for the expense. Claim forms are available at shbp.horizonblue.com/forms/medical-forms.

Q3: What about members who do not live in New Jersey?

A3: Pharmacies located outside of New Jersey are not contracted with Horizon BCBSNJ's medical network. Members living outside of New Jersey may receive immunizations from their in-network doctors, a MinuteClinic[®] located inside select CVS locations, or a HealthCare Clinic located inside select Walgreens locations.

Q4: Who can get immunized through the Horizon BCBSNJ's in-state immunization network?

A4: New Jersey state law allows pharmacists to be trained and certified to administer flu shots to people ages 7 years and older. In compliance with New Jersey state law, children under age 18 years must obtain parental consent, and pharmacists may give flu shots to children ages 7 to 11 years old who have a prescription from an authorized prescriber.

For immunizations other than flu, a prescription may be needed. Members are advised to consult with their doctors about which immunizations are right for them and whether a prescription is required.

Q5: Which vaccines are covered at these pharmacies?

A5: Standard three-strain (trivalent), standard four-strain (quadrivalent) and high-dose are the common vaccines covered as flu shots. FluMist, a child-friendly nasal spray vaccine, has gained approval from the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC) to be available as an option for the 2018-2019 flu season, too. Members are advised to speak with their doctors about which flu immunization is right for them.

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Other common vaccines include shingles, hepatitis A and B, pneumococcal, human papillomavirus (HPV), tetanus and measles-mumps-rubella (MMR). Members may wish to check with the pharmacy to be sure which vaccines are available at a pharmacy location and whether a prescription is needed.

Q6: Does Horizon BCBSNJ sponsor flu clinics or immunization clinics for groups through these pharmacies?

A6: While Horizon BCBSNJ does not sponsor flu clinics, two pharmacies – Rite Aid and Walgreens – are contractually permitted to perform no-cost flu clinics for Horizon BCBSNJ medical members at employer group locations in New Jersey. It is the employer group's responsibility to contact the local New Jersey Rite Aid or Walgreens for availability and to coordinate dates, times and logistics. The pharmacy will need to have at least two weeks' notice for an on-site clinic.

Flu season is a sneeze away.



Protect yourself: Get the flu vaccination today.

Your Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey coverage makes it easy and cost-effective for you and your family to get flu vaccinations. When you go to a participating pharmacy, the pharmacy takes care of submitting your claim. The following New Jersey pharmacies can administer no-cost flu shots and other vaccines all year round, including shingles, hepatitis A and B, pneumococcal, human papillomavirus (HPV), tetanus and MMR.

Pharmacy	Location ¹
ACME	Locate ACME Savon Pharmacies at acmemarkets.com
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Need another option?

Many doctors also offer immunizations. And, for most health plans, immunizations are covered at no cost. However, if the doctor provides services in addition to the immunization, you may have to pay a copayment for the visit/other services. MinuteClinic[®], located inside of select CVS locations, and Healthcare Clinic, located inside of select Walgreens locations, also offer this service.

Visit HorizonBlue.com/flu for more information.

¹ Must be a pharmacy in New Jersey.

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Spanish (Español): Para ayuda en español, llame al **1-855-477-AZUL (2985)**.

Chinese (中文): 如需中文協助, 請致電 **1-800-355-BLUE (2583)**。

Remember: The flu can affect everyone.

Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease that affects the lungs and can lead to serious illness, including pneumonia. Even healthy people can get sick enough to miss work or school and even be hospitalized.

Everyone six months of age and older should get the flu vaccine. Pregnant women, young children, older people and people who have certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes and heart disease, are at increased risk of serious flu-related complications, so getting a yearly flu vaccine is especially important for them.

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