Medicare Part D Vaccines

They're free – but only at an in-network pharmacy.

Getting the vaccines you need is one of the most important things you can do for your health – and for the health of those around you. Vaccines are your first line of defense against a number of spreadable illnesses. If you're a member of a Medicare plan with prescription drug coverage (also called Medicare Part D), you now have a much larger list of vaccines available at no cost to you.

What are Part D vaccines?

Medicare is made up of different parts – Part A covers things like hospital care, Part B covers doctor visits and other care outside the hospital, and Part D covers prescription drugs. It gets more confusing because certain vaccines are covered by Part B – and other shots are covered by Part D. For example, Part B covers flu, COVID-19, pneumonia and hepatitis B vaccines, as well as certain shots needed to treat injuries or exposure to diseases. Part D, on the other hand, covers the vaccines (mentioned at right) that help prevent illnesses but aren't already covered by Part B.

VACCINES COVERED BY MEDICARE PART D

Medicare Part D covers all commercially available vaccines needed to prevent illness. You can get Part D coverage through a stand-alone Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D) or a Medicare Advantage plan (Part C) that includes drug coverage. Part D vaccines shouldn't be delivered in a doctor's office. If they are, you will be charged upfront for the vaccine.

VACCINES COVERED BY MEDICARE

Medicare Part D Vaccines	Medicare Part B Vaccines
Shingles	Flu/COVID-19
Tdap	Pneumonia
Vaccines Reasonable and Necessary to Prevent Illness	Hepatitis B (For High-Risk Patients)

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HEAD TO YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY*

Just be sure to get these vaccines at an in-network pharmacy, not at your doctor's office. Why? If you get these at a pharmacy versus your provider's office, you won't have to pay anything upfront or fill out annoying reimbursement forms. See the diagram below for the vaccine process for the pharmacy versus your provider's office.

*Not Available at CarleRx Locations

Local Pharmacy

Provider prescribes vaccine.

Head to your local in-network pharmacy.

Pharmacy administers vaccine.

Vaccine covered by your Medicare Part D plan - \$0 due at the pharmacy.

Provider's Office

Provider prescribes vaccine.

Provider administers vaccine.

Potentially \$600 upfront but reimbursed fully after you submit a receipt and documentation.

Reimbursement can take several weeks to months.

If you have any questions, call your doctor or health insurance provider.

