



Vaccinations

Vaccination coverage depends on several different variables. Those variables impact how and to whom the claim should be processed. It is important that you use network medical providers and network pharmacies to ensure you receive the highest level of benefits. Please check with your medical and/or prescription provider to determine if the vaccine is a covered benefit. The level of coverage depends upon if the vaccine is received as a preventative measure or diagnostic.

Vaccine received from a Network Physician (Doctor's office)

Covered services on the Medical Mutual of Ohio list that are received in a medical setting, such as a participating network doctor's office or clinic, a CVS Minute Clinic, etc., will be covered under the plan as a medical claim. In this situation, the provider of the vaccine (the doctor's office) would have the vaccine in their office and administer it to the patient there. If the patient uses a prescription to obtain the vaccine serum at a pharmacy to take to the doctor's office, the administration of the vaccine would be covered under the medical plan; the vaccine itself, since obtained from a pharmacy, would be a pharmacy benefit. Note: if you receive a covered vaccination at a pharmacy "mini-clinic, such as CVS Minute Clinic, then the administration fee may be covered under the Medical Mutual of Ohio plan as a medical claim, up to a certain amount.

Medical Mutual of Ohio will cover various vaccinations at 100%, if received for preventative purposes (received at your physician's office). Please refer to your plan design documents or call Medical Mutual for additional details.

Vaccine received from a Network Pharmacy (Retail Pharmacy)

Covered vaccinations on the Express Scripts (ESI) list that are obtained from the Network pharmacy or possibly administered by a pharmacist at the pharmacy, will be covered under the ESI prescription drug plan as a pharmacy claim. Note: if you receive a covered vaccination at a pharmacy "mini-clinic", such as CVS Minute Clinic, it is administered by a medical provider, not the pharmacist, and therefore needs to be submitted to your medical provider (Medical Mutual) as a medical claim. Other vaccines may be covered at your regular co-pays if they are obtained at network pharmacies. If you are considering a vaccine that is not on the preventive list, please call to determine if it is covered under your plan.

In the State of Ohio, there are vaccines a pharmacist may administer. All these vaccines are covered under the Express Scripts vaccine program. Please check with the pharmacy to make sure they are in network and to see what vaccines they administer. Keep in mind that you may be responsible for a portion of the vaccine. Please contact Express Scripts for additional details.

- 1) Influenza
- 2) Pneumonia
- 3) Tetanus
- 4) Hepatitis A
- 5) Hepatitis B
- 6) Meningitis
- 7) Diphtheria
- 8) Pertussis
- 9) Zostavax or Shingrix (see details below)

If you have Medicare part B, your influenza and pneumonia vaccines are covered under your medical insurance provider not Express Scripts. Please refer to your Medicare card to verify.

Shingles Vaccination (Non-Medicare)

Shingrix

HPRS covers the Shingrix vaccinations for those covered individuals who are age 50 and over. It is covered 100% through your pharmacy benefit.

Shingrix is a series of 2 shots. The second shot may be given any time within 2 to 6 months after the first shot.

Network Pharmacy

- Present Express Scripts (ESI) card.
- Some pharmacies may be unable to bill ESI for the cost or administration of the vaccination. In this event you may either pay full cost for the shot and administration and submit a manual claim to ESI for reimbursement OR find a local pharmacy that is able to bill ESI through the normal claims process.

Network Doctor

- If you have coverage with Medical Mutual of Ohio, in network providers should not be asking for payment upfront, they should send the claim to Medical Mutual for processing.

Zostavax

HPRS has been covering Zostavax vaccinations for those covered individuals who are age 60 and over through the wellness benefit since January 2008.

Network Pharmacy

- Present Express Scripts (ESI) card.
- Some pharmacies may be unable to bill ESI for the cost or administration of the vaccination. In this event you may either pay full cost for the shot and administration and submit a manual claim to ESI for reimbursement OR find a local pharmacy that is able to bill ESI through the normal claims process.

Network Doctor

- In network providers should not be asking for payment upfront, they should send the claim to Medical Mutual for processing.
- If you pay for the vaccine and/or injection, submit the itemized doctor's bill and proof of payment to Express Scripts with the claim form to be reimbursed.

Note: If you go to your provider for any other reason, you may incur a copay for the office visit.