

August is Immunization Awareness Month. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is asking the provider community to keep their patients with Medicare healthy by encouraging them to take advantage of Medicare-covered vaccines.

Medicare provides coverage for seasonal influenza, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccines for qualified beneficiaries.

What Can You Do?

As a health care professional who provides care to seniors and others with Medicare, you can help protect the health of your Medicare patients by educating them about their risk factors and reminding them of the importance of getting vaccinations that are appropriate for them.

For More Information

CMS has developed several educational products related to Medicare-covered immunization services:

- The MLN Preventive Services Educational Products Web Page ~ provides descriptions and ordering information for Medicare Learning Network (MLN) preventive services educational products, including Medicare-covered adult immunizations, and resources for health care professionals and their staff. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/35_PreventiveServices.asp
- Quick Reference Information: Medicare Part B Immunization Billing ~This double-sided chart provides coverage and coding information on Medicare-covered immunizations. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/qr_immun_bill.pdf
- Quick Reference Information: Medicare Preventive Services ~ This double-sided chart provides coverage and coding information on Medicare-covered preventive services, including immunizations. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS_QuickReferenceChart_1.pdf
- Adult Immunizations brochure~ This brochure provides information on risk factors and coverage for the season influenza, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccines. http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/adult_immunization.pdf

Please visit the [Medicare Learning Network](#) for more information on these and other Medicare fee-for-service educational products.

Thank you for helping CMS improve the health of patients with Medicare by joining in the effort to educate beneficiaries about the importance of taking advantage of immunizations and other preventive services covered by Medicare.