



# Vaccine Medicare Fact Sheet

## Determine which vaccines are covered by Medicare Part B versus Part D

### Vaccines covered by Medicare Part B<sup>1</sup>:

- Influenza vaccine
- Pneumococcal vaccine
- Vaccines directly related to the **treatment** of an injury or direct **exposure** to a disease or condition
- People with Medicare Part B at high or medium risk for hepatitis B are covered. Risk for hepatitis B increases for patients with hemophilia, end-stage renal disease (ESRD), diabetes, or certain other conditions that lower their resistance to infection. Patients should check with their healthcare provider to see if they are at high or medium risk for hepatitis B
- Other factors may also increase risk for hepatitis B. Patients should check with their healthcare provider to see if they are at high or medium risk for hepatitis B

### Vaccines covered by Medicare Part D<sup>2</sup>:

- Generally all commercially available vaccines with the exception of those covered under Medicare Part B, as long as it is reasonable and necessary to prevent illness
- Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine
- Hepatitis B vaccine (for patients not at risk)
- Herpes zoster (shingles) vaccine

*For Medicare Part D, you may need to contact your patient's plan to find out about coverage and formularies.*

### References:

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