

## Vaccine Coverage Information

Per the [Inflation Reduction Act of 2022](#), beginning January 1, 2023, patients with Medicare drug plans have no out-of-pocket expenses for vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).<sup>1-3</sup> Beginning October 1, 2023, state Medicaid and CHIP programs must cover vaccines that are approved by the FDA for use by adult populations and administered in accordance with ACIP recommendations.<sup>1-4</sup> In order for older adults to receive coverage by Medicare for the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine, patients must be enrolled in Medicare Part D prescription medication coverage. For patients with Medicare, RSV vaccine administration outside of the community pharmacy setting is considered out-of-network (similar to the shingles vaccine) and out-of-network prescriber options are described in [MLN908764 – Medicare Part D Vaccines \(cms.gov\)](#) if NM is anticipating vaccinating older adults with Medicare coverage within the clinic/office setting.<sup>5</sup> Patients may have to pay a vaccine administration fee at the time of service, but they can get reimbursed in full for this fee from their Part D plan. For further questions, please contact [medusepolicy@nm.org](mailto:medusepolicy@nm.org) and/or [adsp@nm.org](mailto:adsp@nm.org).

	Medicare Plans			Medicaid/CHIP
	Benefit	Coverage	Reimbursement	Coverage
<b>Influenza</b>	Part B	Covered, no patient cost-sharing	Refer to <a href="#">Vaccine Pricing   CMS</a> for the most updated information (payment allowances differ by vaccine brand/type)	Covered, no patient cost-sharing
<b>COVID-19</b>	Part B	Covered, no patient cost-sharing		Covered, no patient cost-sharing
<b>RSV for Older Adults<sup>^</sup></b>	Part D	Covered, no patient cost-sharing <sup>+</sup>	Pharmacy benefit (clinic/office administration is out-of-network)*	Covered, no patient cost-sharing

Abbreviations: CHIP, Children’s Health Insurance Program; CMS, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; RSV, respiratory syncytial virus

<sup>+</sup> Patients must have Part D for coverage. The patient may have to pay a vaccine administration fee at the time of service, but they can get reimbursed in full for this fee from their Part D plan<sup>5</sup>

<sup>^</sup> The [Adult RSV ACIP Vaccine Recommendations](#) do not yet include use in pregnant individuals; a recommendation is expected on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

\* Refer to [MLN908764 – Medicare Part D Vaccines \(cms.gov\)](#) for Out-of-Network Prescriber Options

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