

Preventive Health Vaccines

When given by your plan's preferred provider, health plans must cover a set of preventive services at no cost to you. The health care reform law passed in 2010 – called the Affordable Care Act – (ACA) requires most insurance plans to pay for preventive services like checkups, screening tests and immunizations or *vaccines*.

Medical Associates Health Plans (MAHP) will cover preventive vaccines as long as they are administered by your plan's preferred provider and the vaccine is given exactly as outlined by the CDC.

Health plans known as '**grandfathered**' are exempt from this ruling, although some of these plans may have opted to follow the ACA recommended vaccines. Currently, there are 2 Health Choices groups using this exemption for determination of coverage. They are: Bodine and Giese companies.

Medicare Members - Medical Associates Health Plans (MAHP) follows Medicare coverage guidelines, which cover the Flu shot, Pneumococcal vaccine, and Hepatitis B - *for those at medium or high risk of getting Hepatitis B*. MAHP currently does not offer a Part D plan. For those members who have a Part D, it generally will cover those vaccines not available for reimbursement under Part B. **For full benefit details, refer to MAHP Medicare Member Handbook; Evidence of Coverage.**

Disclaimer: MAHP reserves the right to deny coverage on the following:

- Vaccines requested for the sole purpose of travel and/or employment.
- Vaccines which the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has no distinct recommendations for.
- Vaccines administered prior to the CDC's final recommendations once published in the MMWR.
- Newly developed vaccines from research and advances in immunization techniques, until MAHP's approval process is completed.

Vaccines come with specific doses, recommended ages and populations

Vaccines are recommended throughout our lifetime based on age, health conditions, prior vaccinations and other factors. Talk to your health care provider about which vaccines or health screenings you may need.

Detailed guidelines to administering vaccines are described in the CDC's annually published immunization schedules.

The current schedules can be found at www.cdc.gov and the links are available on both our intranet & internet.

***This document should not be used for determination of coverage.**

For questions on benefits /coverage, contact:

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ADULTS	CHILDREN – from birth to age 18
Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib); <i>if indicated</i>	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)
Hepatitis A	Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)
Hepatitis B	Hepatitis A
Herpes Zoster (Shingles)	Hepatitis B
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
Influenza (Flu Shot)	Inactivated Poliovirus
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	Influenza (Flu Shot)
Meningococcal	Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
Pneumococcal (PCV13, PPSV23)	Meningococcal
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Td, Tdap)	Pneumococcal (PCV13, &/or PPSV23)
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Rotavirus
<i>Adults are recommended to receive the flu vaccine yearly, at least one dose of Tdap vaccine, shingles vaccine at age 60 years, and two different pneumococcal vaccines at age 65.</i>	Td – Booster (tetanus)
	Varicella (Chickenpox)

It's important to check with your plan before assuming everything related to preventive care will be covered.