


## Medicare Coverage for Vaccinations

Vaccines help protect people from serious illness and are an important part of healthcare for people on dialysis. Dialysis facilities play a important role in providing vaccines and are required to maintain a vaccination program per federal regulations. The information in this resource can help dialysis facilities better understand how Medicare pays for vaccines. Medicare Part B pays for the following vaccines and their administration as part of its Preventive Services coverage when provided by a dialysis facility:

Vaccines	
Influenza	
COVID-19	
Pneumococcal	
Hepatitis B	

### To ensure dialysis patients receive the necessary vaccinations, follow these steps:

1. Review the Facility Pneumococcal Pneumonia and Influenza Vaccination Dashboards in the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Reporting System (EQRS) to determine which patients need vaccines. Find directions for accessing the EQRS Vaccination Dashboards at: <https://hsagonline.webex.com/webappng/sites/hsagonline/recording/2419d0e6094c44fb9888a1803afdaca3/playback>.
2. Discuss each vaccine with patients, provide education about their benefits, and obtain information about previous vaccinations received.
3. Check the patients' Medicare eligibility to receive vaccinations. Learn how to check Medicare eligibility at: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/mln8816413-checking-medicare-eligibility.pdf>.
4. Access state immunization information systems to see if vaccinations have been recorded for the patients. Find state immunization information systems at: [https://www.cdc.gov/iis/contacts-locate-records/?CDC\\_AAref\\_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/contacts-locate-records.html](https://www.cdc.gov/iis/contacts-locate-records/?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/iis/contacts-locate-records.html).

Information on Payment for Part B Vaccines		
Vaccine	Dosing Frequency	Payment Methodology
Influenza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once per flu season.</li> <li>The annual influenza vaccine season runs from August 1 through July 31 of the following year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>95% of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP).</li> <li>Vaccine and administration are covered.</li> <li>Part B deductibles and coinsurance do not apply for influenza vaccine products or their administration.</li> <li>With respect to vaccine products, all providers and suppliers must accept assignment on the claim.</li> <li>Find more information at: <a href="https://www.cms.gov/flu-provider">https://www.cms.gov/flu-provider</a>.</li> </ul>

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COVID-19	Review the Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States at: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html</a> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>95% of AWP.</li> <li>Vaccine and administration are covered.</li> <li>Visit the COVID-19 section of the Vaccine Pricing webpage at: <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/part-b-drugs/vaccine-pricing">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/part-b-drugs/vaccine-pricing</a> for more information.</li> </ul>
Pneumococcal	Review Pneumococcal Vaccine Timing for Adults information at: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/downloads/vaccine-timing-adults-jobaid.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/pneumococcal/downloads/vaccine-timing-adults-jobaid.pdf</a> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>95% of AWP.</li> <li>Vaccine and administration are covered.</li> <li>Refer to the Average Sales Price (ASP) pricing files for current payment limits at: <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/part-b-drugs/asp-pricing-files">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/part-b-drugs/asp-pricing-files</a>.</li> </ul>
Hepatitis B	Review the Hepatitis B vaccine administration recommendations at: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis-b/hcp/vaccine-administration/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis-b/hcp/vaccine-administration/index.html</a> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>95% of AWP.</li> <li>Vaccine and administration are covered.</li> <li>Refer to the ASP pricing files for current payment limits at: <a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/part-b-drugs/asp-pricing-files">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/part-b-drugs/asp-pricing-files</a>.</li> </ul>

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<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/part-b-drugs/vaccine-pricing>. Accessed on: January 30, 2025.

### Additional Resources

- You can find specific healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for billing Medicare for vaccines at Medicare’s Preventive Services webpage at: [https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/PrevntionGenInfo/medicare-preventive-services/MPS-QuickReferenceChart-1.html#HEP\\_B](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/PrevntionGenInfo/medicare-preventive-services/MPS-QuickReferenceChart-1.html#HEP_B).
- Additional information can be found in the Immunization Action Coalition’s Vaccinating Adults: A Step-by-Step Guide—Step 7B How to Bill for Adult Immunizations resource at: <https://www.immunize.org/wp-content/uploads/guide/pdfs/vacc-adults-step7B.pdf>.

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