



Helpful Information about Vaccinations

Did you know that your plan covers many common vaccinations?

Coverage of Vaccines under Ultimate's Part B Benefit

Ultimate's Part B Benefit covers the cost of the vaccine and its administration for influenza (flu) vaccine, pneumococcal (pneumonia) vaccine, COVID-19 vaccine, and Hepatitis B vaccine for intermediate and high-risk beneficiaries. The Part B Benefit also covers the cost of vaccines (and administration) that are necessary to treat an injury or direct exposure to a disease or condition. For instance, should you need a tetanus vaccination related to an accidental puncture wound it would be covered under Part B. However, if you simply needed a booster shot of your tetanus vaccine, unrelated to injury or illness, it would be covered under Part D. Part B Vaccines are covered with **\$0 co-pay*** under Ultimate's Part B Benefit.

**Important Note: The copay for a Primary Care Provider (PCP) visit is \$0. If you obtain the Part B vaccine at a Specialist office, the specialist copay will apply for the visit if other services aside from the vaccine administration are provided.*

Coverage of Vaccines under Ultimate's Part D Benefit

Ultimate covers the vaccines listed in our Formulary (in the Vaccines section) under our plan's Part D Benefit. Under Part D, you pay the applicable copayment for the Tier in which the vaccine is found in the formulary. If a vaccine is not covered under Part B (see above), then it is covered under Part D, and formulary rules apply (including the requirement of Prior Authorization on some vaccines). There are two parts to our coverage of Part D vaccinations:

- The first part of coverage is the cost of the vaccine medication itself, including a dispensing fee. The vaccine is a prescription medication.
- The second part of coverage is for the cost of giving you the vaccination shot. This is called the "administration" of the vaccine.

Below are three common ways you might get a Part D vaccination shot:

- Situation 1:** *You get a prescription from your prescriber and bring it to your local network retail pharmacy, and the pharmacist dispenses and administers the vaccine.*
- You will pay the pharmacy the amount of the applicable tier copayment for the vaccine itself.
 - Our plan pays the remaining cost of both the vaccine itself and of giving you the vaccination shot (the administration).
- Situation 2:** *You get the Part D vaccination at your doctor's office.*
- You will pay for the entire cost of the vaccine and its administration.
 - You can then ask our plan to pay our share of the cost by using the procedures that are described in Chapter 7 of the Evidence of Coverage (Asking us to pay our share of

- a bill you have received for covered medical services or drugs).
- You will be reimbursed the amount you paid less your normal copayment for the vaccine (including administration).
- If the doctor is a Specialist, you will also pay the Specialist copay if other services were rendered other than the administration of the vaccine.

Situation 3: *You buy the Part D vaccine at the pharmacy and the pharmacy ships or delivers it to your doctor's office, where you are given the vaccination shot.*

- You will pay the pharmacy the amount of the applicable tier copayment for the vaccine itself.
- When the doctor gives you the vaccination shot, you will pay the entire cost for this service. You can then ask our plan to pay our share of the cost by using the procedures described in Chapter 7 of the Evidence of Coverage (Asking us to pay our share of a bill you have received for covered medical services or drugs).
- You will be reimbursed the amount charged by the doctor for administering the vaccine.

If the doctor is a Specialist, you will also pay the Specialist copay if other services were rendered other than the administration of the vaccine.

Do you know your risk for Shingles?

- Approximately 98% of adults in the United States have been infected with the chickenpox virus.
- Approximately 1 in 3 people will experience Shingles in their lifetime.

Shingles is a painful blistering rash. The rash may last up to 30 days. It is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. The older you get, the more you're at risk for Shingles. The reason is because your body can't defend itself against the virus that causes Shingles as well as it could when you were younger.
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The Shingles Vaccine is covered by Ultimate's Part D benefit under the Tier 2 copayment for members of our Core and Chronic Special Needs plans. There is no cost-sharing for members of our Dual Special Needs plans. You must have a prescription from your PCP or Specialist to obtain a Shingles vaccination. Simply present your member ID card at your provider's office or pharmacy.

For information on your plan's Tier 2 copayment, please refer to Chapter 6 of the Evidence of Coverage (What you pay for your Part D prescription drugs). There is no cost-sharing for members of our Dual Special Needs plans.