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From: Dan Mickool, B.S., R.Ph, M.S., Ed. D, Associate Director of Pharmacy

Date: October 3, 2025

Re: 2025/26 Influenza (Flu) Season and other Vaccines

Effective Date:10/3/2025	
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All vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), including shared decision-making, are covered by MaineCare pharmacy benefit without a member copayment. In preparation for the 2025/26 Influenza (Flu) season, please review the MaineCare preferred vaccines listed below which do not require prior authorization (PA).

Influenza vaccines:

- Afluria® (Trivalent)
- Fluarix® (Trivalent)
- FluLaval® (Trivalent)
- Fluzone® (Trivalent)

Based on Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, the following vaccines are preferred for members ≥ 65 years of age:

- Fluad® (Trivalent)
- Flublok® (Trivalent)
- Fluzone® (High-Dose Trivalent)

Additionally, the vaccines listed below are covered as preferred without a member copayment on the MaineCare pharmacy benefit. All vaccine products may be subject to age edits based on the vaccine's labeled indication:

- Covid Vaccines: COMIRNATY, SPIKEVAX, MNEXSPIKE, NUVAXOVID
- Hepatitis vaccines: ENGERIX-B, HAVRIX, RECOMBIVAX-HB, TWINRIX, VAQTA, HEPLISAV B
- Herpes Zoster: SHINGRIX
- Meningococcus: MENQUADFI, MENVEO, PENMENVY
- Pneumococcal vaccines: CAPVAXIVE, PNEUMOVAX, PREVNAR, VAXNEUVANCE
- Rotavirus: ROTARIX, ROTATEQ
- RSV: AREXVY, ABRYSVO, MRESVIA
- Tetanus-diphtheria: TENIVAC
- Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis: ADACEL, BOOSTRIX, DAPTACEL, INFANRIX
- Other: ACTHIB, GARDASIL-9, M-M-R, QUADRACEL, VIVOTIF, TYPHIM VI

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