

# Brief Notes

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**Applies to:** Fully and self-insured groups with medical benefits through Horizon BCBSNJ (excluding Medicare Advantage)

## No-cost flu shots and other immunizations

Immunizations are an important step in preventing illnesses and staying healthy. They are a covered service under members' medical benefits.

To provide greater access to this service, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey's in-state immunization network includes many participating pharmacies in our medical networks that can provide immunizations. These pharmacies can administer vaccines, including flu, shingles, hepatitis A and B, pneumococcal, human papillomavirus (HPV), tetanus and MMR, and submit medical claims for these services.

The following New Jersey locations of the participating pharmacies can administer vaccines.

| Pharmacy            | Location  |
|---------------------|---|
| A&P                 | Locate A&P pharmacies at <a href="http://apsupermarket.com">apsupermarket.com</a> |
| CVS                 | Locate CVS pharmacies at <a href="http://cvs.com">cvs.com</a>                     |
| Kmart               | Locate Kmart pharmacies at <a href="http://kmart.com">kmart.com</a>               |
| Park Plaza Pharmacy | 343 State Route 34, Matawan, NJ 07747; <b>1-732-290-9111</b>                      |
| QuickChek           | Locate QuickChek pharmacies at <a href="http://qchek.com">qchek.com</a>           |
| Rite Aid            | Locate Rite Aid pharmacies at <a href="http://riteaid.com">riteaid.com</a>        |
| ShopRite            | Locate ShopRite pharmacies at <a href="http://shoprite.com">shoprite.com</a>      |
| Walgreens           | Locate Walgreens pharmacies at <a href="http://walgreens.com">walgreens.com</a>   |
| Wickapecko Pharmacy | 1409 Wickapecko Drive, Asbury Park, NJ 07712; <b>1-732-776-6070</b>               |

View answers to frequently asked questions on Horizon BCBSNJ's in-state immunization network. You can also learn more by viewing the *attached flyer* and visiting [HorizonBlue.com/flu](http://HorizonBlue.com/flu).

If you have questions, please contact your Horizon BCBSNJ sales executive or account manager.

## Horizon BCBSNJ In-State Immunization Network Q&As

Please read the following questions and answers to learn more about Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey's in-state immunization network.

### **Q1: Can members use any pharmacy in the United States?**

A1: No. Members are required to use in-state pharmacies contracted with Horizon BCBSNJ's medical network to receive the highest level of benefits. The pharmacies that are contracted in New Jersey to administer immunizations are: A&P, CVS, Kmart, Park Plaza Pharmacy, QuickChek, Rite Aid, ShopRite, Walgreens and Wickapecko Pharmacy. A&P owns Drug Basics, Live Better, Pathmark and Super Fresh, so these pharmacies also participate in Horizon BCBSNJ's in-state immunization network.

### **Q2: How much will members pay if they use a contracted pharmacy?**

A2: The member cost share is determined by the immunization benefit on the medical plan. In most cases, it is covered at 100 percent in accordance with the Affordable Care Act requirements.

### **Q3: What about members who do not live in New Jersey?**

A3: Pharmacies located outside of New Jersey are not contracted with Horizon BCBSNJ's medical network. Members living outside of New Jersey may receive immunizations from their network doctors, a MinuteClinic®, at select CVS locations, or a Healthcare Clinic, at select Walgreens locations.

### **Q4: Does Horizon BCBSNJ sponsor flu clinics or immunization clinics for groups through these pharmacies?**

A4: While Horizon BCBSNJ does not sponsor flu clinics, two pharmacies – Rite Aid and Walgreens – are contractually permitted to perform no-cost flu clinics at employer group locations in New Jersey. It is the employer group's responsibility to contact their local New Jersey Rite Aid or Walgreens for availability and to coordinate dates, times and logistics. The pharmacy will need to have at least two week's notice for an on-site clinic.

### **Q5: Who can get immunized through the Horizon BCBSNJ's in-state immunization network?**

A5: In New Jersey, state law allows pharmacists to be trained and certified to administer flu shots to people ages 7 years and older. Children under age 18 must obtain parental consent, and pharmacists may give flu shots to children ages 7 to 11 who have a prescription from an authorized prescriber. For immunizations other than flu, there may be other considerations, such as a doctor's prescription being needed. Members are advised to consult with their doctors about which immunizations are right for them and whether a prescription is required.

### **Q6: Which vaccines are covered at these pharmacies?**

A6: Standard three-strain (trivalent), standard four-strain (quadrivalent), high-dose and nasal-spray are the common flu vaccines covered. Members may wish to check with the pharmacy to be sure which vaccines are available at a pharmacy location. Other common vaccines include shingles, hepatitis A and B, pneumococcal, human papillomavirus (HPV), tetanus and MMR.

### **Q7: What if a member goes to a pharmacy that is not contracted with Horizon BCBSNJ's medical network?**

A7: If a member receives a vaccination from a pharmacy that does not participate with Horizon BCBSNJ's medical network, the members will pay more and can submit an out-of-network medical claim.

# Flu season is a sneeze away.

Get the flu vaccination today  
and protect yourself all year long.



As a Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey member, it's easy and cost-effective for you and your family to get flu vaccinations. When you go to a participating pharmacy, the pharmacy takes care of submitting your claim. The following New Jersey pharmacies can administer no-cost flu shots and other vaccines, including shingles, hepatitis A and B, pneumococcal humanpapilloma virus (HPV), tetanus and MMR.

| Pharmacy            | Location*   |
|---------------------|---|
| A&P                 | Locate A&P pharmacies at <a href="http://apsupermarket.com">apsupermarket.com</a> |
| CVS                 | Locate CVS pharmacies at <a href="http://cvs.com">cvs.com</a>                     |
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## Need another option?

Many doctors offer immunizations. And, under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), for most health plans, immunization are covered at no cost. However, if the doctor provides services in addition to the immunization, you may have to pay a copayment for the visit/other services. MinuteClinic®, at select CVS locations, and Healthcare Clinic, at select Walgreens locations, also offer this service.

Visit [HorizonBlue.com/flu](http://HorizonBlue.com/flu) for more information.

\* Must be a pharmacy in New Jersey.

## Remember: The flu can affect everyone.

Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease that affects the lungs and can lead to serious illness, including pneumonia. Even healthy people can get sick enough to miss work or school and even be hospitalized.

Everyone age 6 months of age and older should get the flu vaccine. Pregnant women, young children, older people and people who have certain chronic medical conditions like asthma, diabetes and heart disease, are at increased risk of serious flu-related complications, so getting a yearly flu vaccine is especially important for them.



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