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To: Provider Network

From: IEHP – Quality

Date: December 18, 2025

Subject: Flu Vaccine Notice

Dear IEHP Provider:

Influenza vaccination remains an important tool for preventing potentially severe respiratory illnesses. All IEHP Medi-Cal and IEHP DualChoice members aged 18 and older, as well as IEHP Covered members aged 3 and above, can receive flu vaccines at local pharmacies.

- **DualChoice:** Network pharmacies are listed in the Provider & Pharmacy Directory available on our website at *www.iehp.org*.
- **Medi-Cal:** Network pharmacies can be located through the Find a Pharmacy tool at https://medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov/home/find-a-pharmacy/
- **Covered:** Contracted pharmacy search is available at https://openenrollment.medimpact.com/#/web/ieh/pharmacy

Please note that Medi-Cal members under 18 years old must obtain their Vaccines for Children (VFC)-covered vaccinations through their Primary Care Physician's (PCP) office.

As a reminder, effective September 17, 2025, important provider guidance and protections related to immunizations were implemented via CA Assembly Bill 144. According to AB144, the current recommendations from the CA Department of Public Health are as follows:

- Everyone aged 6 months and older should receive an influenza vaccine.
- Children aged 6 months 8 years who have received fewer than 2 influenza vaccine doses before July 1, 2024, or whose influenza vaccination history is unknown, should receive 2 doses this season, spaced at least 4 weeks apart.
- All influenza vaccines available for the 2025-26 season are trivalent.
- Adults aged 65 and older should preferably receive higher dose or adjuvanted influenza vaccines.

For more detailed information regarding respiratory virus vaccine recommendations, please visit: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/publichealth4all/vaccines.aspx#

For dosing by age and coding guidance, please visit: https://www.immunize.org/wp-content/uploads/catg.d/p4072.pdf

IEHP Medi-Cal (over 18 years old), IEHP DualChoice, and IEHP Covered Members:

IEHP will reimburse providers the cost of the vaccine for IEHP Medi-Cal members (over 18 years old) and IEHP Covered members. Submit your completed CMS1500 claim form with the correct CPT code to the IEHP Claims Dept:

- IEHP Medi-Cal: P.O. Box 4349, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729-4349
- **IEHP Covered**: P.O. Box 4409, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729-4349
- IEHP Medicare (Direct Only): P.O. Box 4409, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729-4349

For IEHP DualChoice Members, the IPAs are responsible for vaccine payment, and claims should be submitted to the Member's IPA.

The availability of vaccines may differ among pharmacies, so please encourage your members to receive it while in your office.

If they prefer to receive the vaccine at one of our Pharmacy Network Poviders, they should contact the pharmacy in advance to check for scheduling and vaccine availability. While a prescription is not required, providing one is recommended in case the pharmacy lacks the protocol to initiate the prescription.

Our collective efforts can help mitigate the impact of the flu this year. Thank you for all you do each day to care for the most vulnerable in our community. Should you have any questions regarding the above, please connect in through the IEHP Provider Call Center at (909) 890-2054, (866) 223-4347, or email ProviderServices@iehp.org

Sincerely,

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