



PREPARE YOUR ORGANIZATION FOR THE UPCOMING FLU SEASON

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan To Cover H1N1 (Swine Flu) Shots



Blue Cross
Blue Shield
of Michigan



Blue Care
Network
of Michigan

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) and Blue Care Network (BCN) announced an interim policy to automatically cover the cost of administration of the H1N1 swine flu vaccine for members in their **fully-insured customer groups and individual coverage** during the 2009-2010 Flu Season—unless a group chooses to opt out of the coverage.

The Blues also announced it will enable **larger self-funded groups whose benefit plans are customized, to add immunization coverage for the H1N1 administration upon request.** Normal co-pays and deductibles would apply if the member has them.

The coverage is dependent on FDA approval and when the new vaccine becomes available to the general public. The federal government has indicated it will provide the H1N1 vaccine at no cost, which is why Blues coverage focuses on the administration of the vaccine shots.



In another move to broaden access to flu vaccines, BCBSM and BCN will cover flu shots administered by pharmacies - including the H1N1 vaccine, if a member with flu vaccine coverage opts to receive the vaccine through a pharmacy. If the member's group has not opted out of this coverage, and the pharmacy participates, and the pharmacist is allowed by the employer to administer the shot—the vaccine will be covered.

QUESTION: Will members have a co-pay, coinsurance or deductible including Office Visits?
BCBSM co-pays, coinsurance and deductibles vary depending on the contract and riders involved.
BCN co-pays, coinsurance and deductibles will apply according to the member's benefits.

Who Should Receive the Swine Flu H1N1 Vaccination???



The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices predicts widespread H1N1 outbreaks all across the country this fall and winter. It is their recommendation that the H1N1 vaccine is prioritized for the following five populations:

- Women who are pregnant
- Adults who live with, or care for children under six months of age
- Health care and emergency services personnel
- Children and young adults from 6 months to 24 years old
- Adults between 25 - 64 years old with chronic medical conditions



OAKLAND COUNTY FLU SHOT LOCATIONS

The Oakland County Health Division is encouraging residents to get flu shots. In order to receive the shot, you must be at least six months of age to receive the vaccine. Seasonal flu shots will be available for **\$10** at the following locations:

Monday September 14, 2009 from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Clarkston High School
6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston

Monday September 21, 2009 from Noon - 6 pm

Oakland County Farmers Market
2350 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford

Monday September 28, 2009 from 9 am - 3 pm

James R. Geisler Middle School
46720 West Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake

Monday October 5, 2009 from 9 am - 3 pm

Southfield Pavilion
26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield

Wednesday October 7, 2009 from 10 am - 3 pm

William Costick Center
28600 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills

Thursday October 15, 2009 from 10 am - 3 pm

Troy Community Center
3179 Livernois, Troy

Oakland County residents are encouraged to pre-register for these clinics by going to www.oakgov.com/health/. Online registrants receive priority service at the clinics, but walk-ins will also be accepted.



The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that the H1N1 vaccine **SHOULD NOT** replace the seasonal flu vaccine!

The seasonal flu vaccine **AND** the H1N1 vaccine may be administered on the same day, according to the CDC.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Communication Toolkit for
Businesses and Employers

<http://pandemicflu.gov/professional/business/>

Communication Toolkit for Higher
Educations

<http://pandemicflu.gov/professional/school/>

Clean Hands Saves Lives!

<http://www.cdc.gov/cleanhands/>

H1N1 Flu Resources for Businesses
and Employers

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/business/>

Novel H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu)

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

Seasonal Flu

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

For more information, please contact
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