

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Provider Manual

**HMO Scope of Benefits Section** 

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# **Immunizations**

# **Benefit**

Immunizations are covered if administered or recommended by the PCP. These include all childhood and adult immunizations, and those vaccines recommended or required for travel.

# Interpretation

Childhood immunizations are defined as those recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Practice, and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control according to the designated schedule and dosages.

Adult immunizations, are in benefit if recommended and/or administered by the PCP.

Travel immunizations or prophylactic treatment (i.e., cholera vaccines, immunoglobulin), which are required and/or recommended for travel to foreign countries are covered.

| Paid by | Inpatient immunizations. Immunizations in office or outpatient setting: Only for COVID-19, Influenza, RSV (Adult/Pediatric), Shingles | НМО              |
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|         | Immunization in office or outpatient setting: <b>Excluding</b> COVID-19, Influenza, RSV (Adult/Pediatric), Shingles                   | IPA              |
|         | Immunizations administered at a BCBS participating pharmacy: <u>Only for COVID-19</u> , Influenza, RSV (Adult/Pediatric), Shingles    | Pharmacy Benefit |

# Notes:

<u>Pharmacy Benefit:</u> Is applicable for members whose pharmacy benefit manager is through Prime Therapeutics.

# Medical Benefit: HMO Risk

HMO will reimburse IPA providers for Immunizations and administration fees, for the following vaccinations administered in IPA office or outpatient setting:

- COVID-19
- Influenza
- RSV (Adult/Pediatric)
- Shingles

Claims for these immunizations do not require a stamped approval status.

Note: See Benefits Interpretation on Hepatitis B Vaccine