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To: MaineCare Providers
From: Anne-Marie Toderico, PharmD
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Date: Oct 20, 2022
Re: 2022/23 Influenza (Flu) Season and
other Vaccines

Preparation for the 2022/23 Influenza (Flu) season is now underway. MaineCare would like to remind pharmacy providers that the preferred vaccines listed may be subject to age restrictions. Failure to comply with Maine immunization regulations will subject these claims to recoupment.

The following are Preferred Vaccines with no prior authorization (PA) required:

- ✓ Afluria® (Quadrivalent)
- ✓ Fluarix® (Quadrivalent)
- ✓ FluLaval® (Quadrivalent)
- ✓ Fluzone® (Quadrivalent)

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

- ✓ Flud® (Quadrivalent)
- ✓ Flublok® (Quadrivalent)
- ✓ Fluzone® High-Dose (Quadrivalent)

Please refer to the following link for the ACIP schedules [ACIP Vaccine Recommendations and Schedules | CDC](#)

The following are additional vaccines covered under the MaineCare pharmacy benefit and are preferred products which may be subject to age edits:

- Hepatitis vaccines: ENGERIX-B, HAVRIX, RECOMBIVAX-HB, TWINRIX, VAQTA
- Herpes Zoster: SHINGRIX
- Meningococcus: MENACTRA, MENQUADFI, MENVEO
- Pneumococcal vaccines: PNEUMOVAX, PREVNAR, VAXNEUVANCE
- Rotavirus: ROTARIX, ROTATEQ
- Tetanus-diphtheria: TENIVAC
- Tetanus-diphtheria – pertussis: ADACEL, BOOSTRIX, DAPTACEL, INFANRIX
- Other: ACTHIB, GARDASIL-9, M-M-R, QUADRACEL, VIVOTIF

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