

## **Mysteries of Medicare: Does Medicare Cover Vaccines?**

Since your health is your greatest asset, it's important, as Seniors and people with disabilities who are on Medicare, that your vaccinations are kept up to date. Vaccines protect us from potentially deadly diseases and they also protect those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons.

Vaccinations that are particularly important to Medicare eligible individuals include Flu, Pneumonia, Shingles, and Tdap. Medicare covers most of the cost. As with all medical care, discuss with your family physician before moving forward with any vaccination. Your healthcare provider can explain the benefits of these vaccinations.

Here's how Medicare covers the cost of vaccines:

<b>Vaccine</b>	<b>What Part of Medicare Pays for the Vaccine*</b>	<b>Where to get Vaccine</b>
Flu	Part B Part B - deductible does not apply	Doctor's office, pharmacy, community clinic
Pneumonia	Part B Part B - deductible does not apply	Doctor's office, pharmacy
Shingles	Part D (Your prescription drug plan) Cost will depend upon your prescription drug plan	Pharmacy
Tdap/TD	Part B – only after an injury Part B - deductible applies	Doctor's office

\*If you are a member of a Medicare Advantage Plan, please verify the cost with your plan before obtaining these vaccines.

If you have questions concerning how Medicare will cover your vaccine, please contact the APPRISE Program.

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