

Zoster Coverage Determination

Many health plans are covering the Herpes Zoster (Shingles) vaccine, but coverage depends on each individual plan. Please have your patient contact their insurance company to determine if there are any out-of-pocket costs for this vaccine. This vaccination may be administered at a provider office or pharmacy.

Please provide patients with the following codes:

CPT-4 code- 90736 (Vaccine)

CPT-4 code -90471 (Administration)

ICD-10 CM- Z23

Patients age 50-59:	Instruct patient to contact insurer to determine coverage using codes above.			
Patients age 60-64:				
Patients 65 and older with Medicare:	Medicare Part B only	Medicare Part B + Medicare Part D Pharmacy Plan	Medicare Advantage	Medicare Part B + secondary insurance
	No coverage, however patient may be able to utilize Merck Vaccine Assistance Program	Coverage varies by Part D plan and spending Instruct patient to contact their Part D plan to determine coverage using codes above	Coverage varies by Medicare Advantage plan and spending Instruct patient to contact their Medicare Advantage plan to determine coverage using codes above	Coverage depends on immunization benefit through patients' secondary insurance. Instruct patient contact insurer to determine coverage using codes above*
Uninsured patients 50 and older:	Pay out of pocket at a provider office, pharmacy or local health department if available. Apply for coverage through the Merck Vaccine Assistance Program: http://www.merckhelps.com/docs/VPAP_Enrollment_Form_English.pdf			

*As of January 1, 2014, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires private insurance plans to cover a range of clinical preventive services without any cost-sharing, such as copays, deductibles, or coinsurance, for patients receiving these services by an in-network provider between the ages of 60-64. Check with health insurance provider to verify coverage.

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