

Important Information for Our Health Care Provider Partners

To: Participating Physicians and Health Care Professionals
Date: October 22, 2018
Subject: FluMist® Coverage for 2018-2019 Flu Season

As you begin preparations and vaccine ordering for the upcoming flu season, we would like to provide you with advance notice that Excellus BlueCross BlueShield will cover FluMist (influenza vaccine live, intranasal, CPT codes 90660 and 90672) for dates of service on or after August 1, 2018.

Our decision was based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendation that live attenuated influenza vaccine, or LAIV, is an acceptable option for use during the 2018-2019 season.

Our medical policy for immunizations states that "Childhood and adult immunizations are eligible for coverage when administered according to the official recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the services are covered by a member's contract/benefit design."

We encourage you to review our medical policy on immunizations (policy number 2.01.42) at ExcellusBCBS.com/ProviderMedicalPolicies.

Please share this important information with your prescribing physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and anyone in your office or facility that should be aware.

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