

Encourage your patients to get protection from the flu



Humana supports your care by giving your patients the information and reminders they need to safely and easily receive their flu shot each year. There are no out-of-pocket costs for Humana Medicare Advantage plan members to receive their flu vaccination.

The World Health Organization¹ and the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA)² recommended a 2024–2025 Northern Hemisphere vaccination composition mix for all trivalent influenza vaccines that will protect against two influenza A viruses (H1N1 and H3N2) and one influenza B virus. The composition of this season’s vaccine has been updated with a new influenza A (H3N2) virus for both egg-based and non-egg-based formulas. The FDA strongly recommended to influenza vaccine manufacturers the removal of the B/Yamagata lineage virus from seasonal influenza vaccines in the United States for the 2024–2025 season, as evidence indicates that the B/Yamagata lineage virus no longer poses a public health threat.

Egg-based vaccines for 2024–2025; Northern Hemisphere, trivalent only

Viral strain

A/Victoria/4897/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
A/Thailand/8/2022 (H3N2)-like virus
B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus

Cell- or recombinant-based vaccines for 2024–2025; Northern Hemisphere, trivalent only

Viral strain

A/Wisconsin/67/2022 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
A/Massachusetts/18/2022 (H3N2)-like virus
B/Austria/1359417/2021 (B/Victoria lineage)-like virus

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)³ recommends annual flu vaccination for everyone 6 months old and older with any licensed, age-appropriate flu vaccine. The American Academy of Pediatrics⁴ does not prefer any product over another for children and adolescents with no contraindications.

In addition, the CDC⁵ notes flu vaccination is especially important for the following patients in order to help decrease their risk of getting sick with the flu, developing serious flu complications and possibly being hospitalized:

- Pregnant women
- Children, especially those younger than 2 years old
- People 65 years old and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, including asthma, diabetes, heart disease and chronic kidney disease
- People of any age who have immunosuppression
- People living in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities

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To facilitate correct reimbursement, the appropriate administration, vaccine and diagnosis codes are needed for each vaccination claim.

- Administration codes for influenza vaccination are 90471, 90472, 90473 and 90474. The Medicare code is G0008. Medicare code G8482 can be used to communicate the vaccination was previously received, possibly elsewhere.
- CPT® and HCPCS influenza vaccination codes for 2024–2025 can be found below.
- Diagnosis code Z23, encounter for immunization, must be included in one of the first 9 positions on the claim.

CPT codes	Long description
90653	Influenza virus vaccine, inactivated (IIV), subunit, adjuvanted, for intramuscular use
90656	Influenza virus vaccine trivalent (IIV3), split virus, preservative-free, when administered to individuals 3 years old and older, for intramuscular use
90657	Influenza virus vaccine trivalent (IIV3), split virus, when administered to children 6–35 months of age, for intramuscular use
90658	Influenza virus vaccine trivalent (IIV3), split virus, for use in individuals 3 years old and older, for intramuscular use
90660	Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent, live (LAIV3), for intranasal use
90661	Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (ccIIV3), derived from cell cultures, subunit, preservative- and antibiotic-free, 0.5 mL dosage, for intramuscular use
90662	Influenza virus vaccine (IIV), split virus, preservative-free, enhanced immunogenicity via increased antigen content, for intramuscular use
90673	Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent (RIV3), derived from recombinant DNA, hemagglutinin protein only, preservative- and antibiotic-free, for intramuscular use
90695	Influenza virus vaccine, H5N8, derived from cell cultures, adjuvanted for intramuscular use

HCPCS codes	Long description
Q2034	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for intramuscular use (Agriflu®)
Q2035	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years old and older, for intramuscular use (Afluria®)
Q2036	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years old and older, for intramuscular use (Flulaval®)
Q2037	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years old and older, for intramuscular use (Fluvirin®)
Q2038	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years old and older, for intramuscular use (Fluzone®)
Q2039	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years old and older, for intramuscular use (not otherwise specified)

References

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