

## ODS/OEBB Flu Shot Process

### **Flu shots:**

Influenza vaccines/flu shots are covered under OEBB's preventive care benefit at 100% when services are performed by a contracted provider. Individual and family deductibles are waived for preventive services.

FluMist, Influenza Vaccine Live, Intranasal, is a flu vaccine, given as a nasal spray rather than by injection. Studies have shown that FluMist's effectiveness is no greater than the injectable form, but costs up to three times more. Therefore, it is ODS policy that FluMist is not the least costly alternative, and will not be considered a covered medical benefit.

### **OEBB members have access to flu vaccines from:**

1. Preferred Providers; or
2. Participating Oregon Prescription Drug Plan (OPDP) network pharmacies; or
3. Flu Shot Clinics, Student Health Clinics, County Health Clinics, etc.

### **Reimbursement to providers will be based on:**

1. Preferred Providers contracted reimbursement fees
2. Contracted fees for pharmacies participating in the OPDP
3. Immunizations billed by licensed flu shot clinic providers, student health, and county health clinics will be reimbursed at the in-network benefit level and the payment allowance will be based on the maximum plan allowable (MPA) for the geographic area.

Benefits will be based on policy provisions and covered immunizations will be limited to those that are considered the "standard of care" by the local medical community. Government agencies or medical associations such as American Medical Association and Oregon Medical Association will set these standards for the state as a whole.

### **Billing process:**

1. If a member goes to an ODS preferred provider for a flu shot vaccine, the provider will submit a bill to ODS for reimbursement. This means no out-of-pocket expenses for the member.
2. OEBB members accessing immunizations and vaccines at a contracted OPDP network pharmacy can have their claims processed for covered benefits at the point of service. This means no out-of-pocket expenses for the member.
3. In some cases, members may need to pay for the immunization and bill ODS directly for reimbursement. Please note, members must submit a receipt for services to be eligible for payment.

### **Group billing for flu shots:**

Flu shot clinic providers can submit for reimbursement by utilizing the attached group billing roster. The itemized billing statement must include all data elements requested on the form. Reimbursement will be based on eligibility for members on the date of service.

### **Please submit claims to:**

ODS Health Plans  
Attn: Director Medical Claims  
PO BOX 40384  
Portland, OR 97240-0384

### **For any questions please call:**

503-265-2909 or  
toll free 866-923-0409

