

**Massachusetts Health Plans Reimbursement for Vaccines, When they are Not Supplied by the MDPH  
Summary of Responses, January 2008\***

Health Plan	Response Date	Does the Health Plan reimburse for vaccine product when it is not supplied by MDPH ?							
		Hep A - 90633	Tdap - 90715	Varicella- 90716	Flu 90657 & 90658	FluMist 90660	MCV4 - 90734	Rotavirus - 90680	HPV - 90649
<b>Aetna</b>	2008	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
<b>BCBSMA - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts</b>	2008	y	y	y*	y	y	y	y	y
<b>BCBSRI - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island</b>	2008	y*	y*	y*	y*	Generally not*	y*	y*	y*
<b>BMC HealthNet Plan</b>	2008	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
<b>Cigna</b>	2008	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
<b>Fallon Community Health Plan</b>	2008	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
<b>Great-West Healthcare / One Health Plan</b>	2007**	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
<b>HNE (Health New England)</b>	2008	y	y	y	y	Generally not	y	y	y
<b>HPHC - Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare</b>	2008	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
<b>Mass Health - PCC Plan and Fee for Service</b>	2008	y	y	y	y	y	y	N/A	y
<b>NHP - Neighborhood Health Plan</b>	2008	y	y	y	y	n	y	y	y
<b>Network-Health</b>	2008	y	y	y*	N*	N*	y	y	y*
<b>Tufts Health Plans of New England, Inc.</b>	2008	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
<b>Unicare</b>	2008	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y
<b>United HealthCare of New England</b>	2008	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y

**\*BCBSMA**

Effective 10/2007 BCBSMA will reimburse for the varicella vaccine when physicians are unable to obtain free vaccine from the Massachusetts DPH Immunization Program.

**\* BCBSRI is an out of state plan**

**Only a small portion of its members receive medical care in Massachusetts. BCBSRI policies reflect the immunization funding and distribution in Rhode Island and its residents' vaccine eligibility.**

~ **The following vaccines** Hep A – 90634; Tdap - 90715; Varicella- 90716; Flu - A3090657 & 90658; MCV4 - 90734; Rotavirus - 90680; HPV - 90649 Are Covered by BCBSRI

Billing statements apply only to providers that bill BCBSRI directly and not through BCBSMA.

BCBSRI expects providers to use state supplied vaccines to the extent they are available.

If the provider supplies the vaccine because the state will not, the provider may append modifier 22 to the vaccine CPT code, and the allowance will result in payment for administration and supply. The vaccination allowance is built into the vaccine code.

**~ FluMist - 90660 (Updated 2-5-07)**

Generally the vaccine is not covered, but the administration is covered.

In years of vaccine shortage it has been covered. Modifier 22 will not allow additional payment unless a shortage has been declared.

**\* Mass Health - PCC Plan and Fee for Service**

Hep A - is covered for members age 13 and over, but providers must use the unlisted vaccine code 90749 (not 90634)

Tdap - is covered for members age 13 and over, but providers must use the unlisted vaccine code 90749 (not 90715)

Flu - is covered

Flumist - is covered but with prior approval

MCV4 Yes, for members age 19 and over

Rotavirus - N/A it is supplied by VFC

HPV is covered for women ages 19-26

**\* Network Health-**

Hep A will reimburse for members 2 years of age and older only

Varicella-will reimburse for members 6 years of age and older only

Flu not covered unless state supply is exhausted

Flumist - yes will cover, but it requires prior authorization

HPV available for members between the ages of 18-26, and under 18 w/invoice only if state supply is exhausted. Prior authorization required Out of Network

**\*\* Great-West Healthcare / One Health Plan did not provide information in 2008**