

Adult Immunizations (IZ) Reimbursement Survey -- Medicaid MCO's

March 2018 MDH sent a survey to all of the Maryland Medicaid MCO's to identify their policy for reimbursing LHD's for adult IZ services.

Some LHD's provide private vaccines to adult Medicaid patient's and have had difficulty being reimbursed.

The chart below provided the payer responses.

Maryland Medicaid MCO SURVEY - Adult Immunizations (IZ) Reimbursement 4/18/18									
Survey Question: Does the payer require the LHD to obtain a referral or authorization in order to be reimbursed for adult immunizations?									
Question	Aetna Better Life	Amerigroup	Jai Medical Systems	Kaiser	Maryland Physicians Care	MedStar Family Choice	Priority Partners	United Healthcare Community Plan	UMD Health Partners
	per Shaunta Bing	per Lisa Drumm				sent email on 3/9/18		per Monique Beutel	
Is a referral required from the patient's PCP in order for the LHD to be paid?	Yes	Amerigroup only pays for the self-referral services as required in COMAR 10.09.67.28	Not applicable, PCP are supposed to directly vaccinate members.	No response	If MPC has a contract with the LHD, adults are allowed to receive vaccines without authorization or a PCP referral. If the LHD will not contract with MPC (MPC offered years ago to contract with all LHDs), then LHDs are not allowed to provide the vaccine & are to refer the enrollee back to their PCP &/or call MPC MS for assistance.	No	No	No referral is required for LHD services	No
Is pre-authorization needed?	Yes	All services outside of the "self-referral" services require authorization, Provider Line: 1-800-454-3730	Not applicable, PCP are supposed to directly vaccinate members.	No response	n/a	No pre-auth is needed	Yes, auth required for all services except family planning	No prior authorization is required for covered IZ.	No
Is there a waiver that the patient has to sign for non-covered IZ or can the LHD create their own?	Aetna does not have a formal waiver and are fine if the LHD creates their own.	No. Amerigroup would not pay for the immunization if it is not a covered benefit.	Not applicable, CDC recommended vaccinations are a covered HealthChoice benefit, which should be covered by all MCOs.	No response	MPC does not have a formal waiver for non-covered services, the LHD would have to have the waiver and signed by the member.	If the IZ is not a covered Medicaid benefit, the LHD is responsible for obtaining a signed waiver. We do not have a standard waiver. However, the waiver must include the specific services not covered and the cost to the member.	Create their own waiver	UHC does not have a formal waiver. The Provider would be responsible for creating their own waiver.	They may create their own
Does the LHD have to be an in-network provider?	Yes	The LHD is not required to be in our network for Amerigroup to pay for the self-referral services required in COMAR 10.09.67.28	Not applicable. PCP are supposed to directly vaccinate our members. However, we welcome an opportunity to contract and expand our relationship with all LHDs throughout Maryland.	No response	Yes, for it to be a covered service.	No - IZ provided in the LHD are considered a self-referred service.	Yes	The LHD does not have to be in network to receive pymt for IZ. All LHDs have either a contract or an memorandum of understanding (MOU) which permits them to receive payment for approved services including IZ. If an LHD is contracted & bills POS 11 on the claim, any rendering provider NPI listed on the claim must be credentialed & loaded in our system or the claim will deny for authorization.	In order for the claim to be paid at the appropriate rate of reimbursement to the LHD, yes, they must be in network.