

Check coverage for COVID-19 vaccines for Blue Cross commercial members, starting April 1

During the public health emergency, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has been covering COVID-19 vaccine administration for some Blue Cross commercial members who are enrolled in certain groups that are exempt from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Effective April 1, 2023, these groups will revert to their pre-pandemic vaccine coverage, unless the group requested otherwise. As a result, these members may have cost sharing or may not have vaccine coverage.

Providers should check each Blue Cross commercial member’s eligibility and benefits to determine whether COVID-19 vaccines are a covered benefit.

When the public health emergency ends, all Blue Cross and BCN groups and members that are covered by PPACA will continue to have COVID-19 vaccine coverage with no cost sharing when administered by in-network providers or at in-network pharmacies.

Note: When the government-purchased supply of the COVID-19 vaccine product runs out, providers should bill the member’s health plan for both administration and the vaccine product. We’ll process claims based on members’ immunization benefits.

Here’s how to check member eligibility and benefits for vaccines:

1. Log in to our provider portal (availity.com*)).
2. Click *Patient Registration* in the menu bar and then click *Eligibility and Benefits Inquiry*.
3. Enter the necessary information in the Payer section and the Provider Information section.
4. In the Service Information section, enter *Immunizations* in the Benefit / Service Type field.
5. Enter the patient ID in the Patient Information section.
6. Click *Search*.
7. Select the tile for the appropriate member and click *Submit*.
8. Do one of the following:

If...	Then...
There is a Benefit Explainer button near the top of the screen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Click the <i>Benefit Explainer</i> button. Tip: If Benefit Explainer doesn’t open, you’ll need to allow Availity® to open popups. b. In Benefit Explainer, click the <i>Search</i> button. c. Press <i>CTRL+F</i>. d. Search on <i>Preventive Immunizations</i>.



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If...	Then...
There isn't a Benefit Explainer button near the top of the screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Click the <i>Coverage and Benefits</i> tab. b. Look in the Immunizations sections.

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