# Medicare Coverage of Immunizations: Part B versus Part D

## Medicare Part B
### Outpatient Medical Benefits

**Enrollment**
- Beneficiaries must actively enroll
- Premium due to Medicare
- Eligible individuals are those 65 years of age or older, or those of any age that are disabled or have End-stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

**Covers**
- All influenza vaccines
- Hepatitis B and pneumococcal vaccine
- Administration fee
- Part B vaccines must be covered by Medicare Advantage Plans
- Medically necessary vaccines (Example: Rabies vaccine)

**Payment for Influenza Vaccine under Part B**
- National fee schedule for influenza vaccine products
- Payment for influenza vaccine is based on the presentation administered
- No copay or deductible applied to influenza vaccine or administration fee

**Billing of Part B vaccines**
- Physician offices submit claims for Part B vaccines directly to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs)

## Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan
### Pharmaceutical Benefit

**Enrollment**
- Beneficiaries must actively enroll
- Administered by private insurance companies or pharmacy benefit managers
- Eligible individuals are those 65 years of age or older, or those of any age that are disabled or have End-stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

**Covers**
- Preventive vaccines not covered by Medicare Part B
  - Zoster vaccine
  - Tdap
- Administration fee

**Payment for Vaccines under Part D**
- Each Part D plan has its own payment schedule for vaccine and vaccine administration
- Patient may have financial responsibility (copay)
- Financial responsibility based on patient choice of Part D plan
- Part D plan payment schedule and patient financial responsibility should be verified for each patient before vaccine is administered

**Billing for Part D Vaccines**
- No contracts exist between the plan and office-based providers
  - No direct process for physician to bill Part D plans
- Claims must be submitted as pharmacy claims
- Web-based options exist for non-pharmacy providers to bill payers for Part D vaccines
  - Provider must subscribe to web system
  - Provider must accept assignment as payment in full

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*Tdap = Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis.

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