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Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan and Alternate Benefit Plan (ABP) to add coverage for non-routine adult vaccinations.

Date: September 15, 2023

Contact: Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, October 13, 2023

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is submitting State Plan Amendments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to cover non-routine adult vaccines as determined by age, health condition, occupation, and travel effective October 1, 2023.

- This change will add coverage for vaccines generally used for travel to Oregon’s Medicaid State Plan, CHIP State Plan and ABP. Oregon’s ABP establishes Oregon Health Plan (OHP) coverage for adults who qualify through the Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion.
- Reimbursement will be the same as described in Oregon Administrative Rule 410-120-1340 using the Relative Value Unit weight times the Oregon conversion factor applicable to the provider, National Drug Codes, Average Sales Price or Acquisition Cost.

OHA cannot estimate the annual cost of this change. OHA does not have data about the number of OHP members who travel outside of the United States and which vaccines they receive. According to some reports the most common travel vaccines are for yellow fever, typhoid and cholera. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s price list for travel vaccines ranges from \$12 to \$265 per vaccine.

Background:

This change follows [federal guidance](#) to cover all adult vaccines approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices as required by section 11405 of the Inflation Reduction Act. In this guidance, CMS does not interpret “approved” to include vaccines under FDA Emergency Use Authorization. This requirement applies in both fee-for-service and managed care.

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) and tribal consultation:

These amendments will not reduce coverage or benefits or affect how OHP provides EPSDT services. OHA has followed the tribal consultation process established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as set forth in Oregon’s approved Medicaid State Plan.

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, October 13, 2023, to jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov.