

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ALL-EMPLOYEES MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 23, 2014

“CORRECTION”

**EMPLOYEE MEDICAL HEALTH PLAN (EMHP)
VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE AT IN-NETWORK RETAIL PHARMACIES**

This AEM is a correction to All-Employees Memorandum 20-14 issued on November 10, 2014 regarding Vaccinations. The corrected information appears below in italics.

Many diseases are preventable through the use of vaccinations. To help you stay healthy, you can receive vaccines administered at local in-network retail pharmacies that have the capability of doing so and it will be covered by the County of Suffolk’s EMHP **prescription-drug benefit**. Vaccines administered at an in-network retail pharmacy typically do not require an appointment and are the same effective medications as those administered at your physician’s office. **Active members and non-Medicare eligible retirees/dependents, who receive a vaccination at an in-network retail pharmacy, will not have a co-payment.** Vaccinations for Medicare eligible retirees/dependents are covered either through Medicare Part B coverage (i.e., flu and pneumonia) or through Express Scripts Medicare PDP (i.e., Shingles). Please contact either Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 or Express Scripts Medicare PDP at 1-800-987-5242 to determine coverage and the applicable co-payment.

One of the best ways to avoid influenza and related complications is to get a flu shot. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), every year in the U.S. an estimated 5-20% of the population gets the flu, and the single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to be vaccinated each year. CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone six (6) months of age and older.

Along with protection from the flu, the EMHP’s prescription-drug benefit may cover several other vaccines, which are also now available at many in-network retail pharmacies. *Please note: New York State Law only permits the administration of the following vaccines by a pharmacist, Flu, Pneumonia Meningitis and Zostavax. The Zostavax (shingles) vaccine, for adults 50 years of age and older, requires a prescription from your doctor. This prescription must be taken to the Pharmacist before he/she can administer the vaccine to you. If you reside outside New York State and are a non-Medicare eligible retiree, please contact WellDyneRx at 1-855-799-6831 to determine if a prescription is required for the vaccines listed below.*

Vaccine/Disease States	Group
Influenza (includes FluMist & PF)	Flu
Influenza (intradermal)	<i>(Medicare eligible covered under Medicare Part B)</i>
Influenza HD (high dose)	
Pneumococcal	Pneumonia <i>(Medicare eligible covered under Medicare Part B)</i>
Zoster (Shingles) – Covered for adults age 50 and over (N.Y. State requires a prescription)	Zoster <i>(Medicare eligible covered under Medicare Part B)</i>
Meningococcal	Meningitis

To locate an in-network pharmacy:

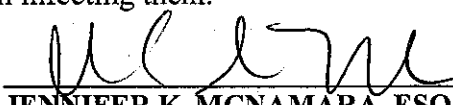
Active members and Non-Medicare eligible retirees/dependents may access the emhp.welldynrx website to locate an in-network pharmacy. Make sure the pharmacy you use is part of your participating pharmacy network. You may also call the number 1-855-799-6831 to find a participating pharmacy near you.

Retirees/Dependents who are Medicare eligible may call Express Scripts Medicare PDP at 1-800-987-5242 to find an in-network pharmacy or Medicare Part B at 1-800-633-4227.

Contact an in-network pharmacy in advance to inquire about vaccine availability, age restrictions, and current vaccination schedules. Also, don't forget to present your appropriate card to the pharmacist. For active and Non-Medicare eligible members/dependents, this would be your EMHP ID Card. For Medicare eligible retirees/dependents, this would be your Express-Scripts Medicare Prescription Drug Program (PDP) card.

According to the CDC, everyday actions can help you stay healthy:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub such as Germ-X® or Purell®.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.


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