

Seniors and People with Disabilities

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Message: There continues to be questions about OHP benefits about H1N1 prevention and treatment. To clarify the coverage questions:

For OHP Plus and Standard clients, OHP covers

- Both seasonal and H1N1 vaccination
- Anti-viral medications, such as TAMIFLU
- Office visit for diagnosis and any necessary hospitalization.

For clients with Medicare and other different eligibility groups, please see the attached notice to clients for vaccination or the attached notice to providers about medications.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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Important information for OHP clients

Seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccine coverage

Prepare for two flus this season

Each year brings a seasonal flu virus. This year, Oregon is also planning for cases of the H1N1 flu (once known as “swine flu”).

The H1N1 flu and the seasonal flu share many symptoms, such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, aches, chills and fatigue. With H1N1, some people may also experience diarrhea or vomiting.

Two flus mean two vaccines

The H1N1 and seasonal flus are different viruses and require different vaccines.

- To fully protect yourself, you will need two vaccines: One for seasonal flu, and one for the H1N1 flu.
- Some children will need two doses of each vaccine.

Both vaccines are available as a shot or a nasal spray. Certain groups should not use vaccine nasal spray (see box).

Ask your doctor about what is best for you, and whether you can get the flu vaccines at your doctor’s office.

Who can use vaccine nasal spray:

People who are generally healthy, not pregnant and between the ages of two and 49.

Who cannot use vaccine nasal spray:

Children under age two; adults aged 50 or older; pregnant women; people with chronic medical conditions; children receiving long-term aspirin therapy.

OHP coverage of flu vaccines

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) will pay for both vaccines for all OHP clients, except for Citizen-Alien Waived Emergency Medical (CAWEM) clients and OHP clients with Medicare coverage.

How to get the vaccine

If your doctor is not providing the seasonal or H1N1 flu vaccines:

- Call 1-800-SAFENET or visit www.flucliniclocator.org to find a seasonal flu clinic near you.
- H1N1 vaccines should be available later this month. Find out where to get it by calling the Public Health Division’s Flu Hotline at 1-800-978-3040.

Certain groups should get H1N1 vaccine as soon as possible

Get H1N1 vaccine as soon as possible for:

- Anyone six months to 24 years old.
- Pregnant women.
- People caring for or living with infants under six months of age.
- People aged 25 to 64 with medical conditions such as asthma or immune deficiencies.
- Health care workers.
- Front-line law enforcement officers.

For more information about what you can do to stay healthy and help stop the flu from spreading, go to <http://flu.oregon.gov>.

Questions?

- ☎ **Fee-for-service (“open card”) clients -** Contact OHP Client Services at 1-800-273-0557.
- ☎ **DMAP Medical Plan clients -** Contact your medical plan.
- ☎ **Medicare clients -** Contact your Medicare health plan or 1-800-MEDICARE.
- ☎ **If you need this letter in a larger print size or in a different format -** Contact your OHP worker.

Flu season update

Reminders for prescribers and pharmacies

OHP covers antiviral treatments for H1N1 and seasonal flu

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) covers prescriptions for Oseltamivir (TAMIFLU®) and Zanamivir (RELENZA®) to treat influenza for fee-for-service clients in the following benefit plans:

- BMH - OHP Plus
- KIT - OHP Standard
- CWX - CAWEM Plus

All OHP medical managed care plans also cover antiviral treatments for influenza for clients in these benefit plans.

CAWEM and Medicare Part D clients not covered

OHP does not cover antiviral treatment for the following benefit plans:

- CWM - Citizen-Alien Waived Emergency Medical (CAWEM)
- MED - Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)
- BMD - OHP with Limited Drug - Bill Medicare Part D.
- BMM - QMB plus OHP with Limited Drug - Bill Medicare Part D.

Questions?

- If you have questions about fee-for-service prescription coverage, call the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at 888-202-2126. The Call Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days per week.
- If you have questions about managed care prescription coverage, contact the client's medical plan. You can find plan telephone numbers in the Provider Contacts booklet posted at www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/data_pubs/add_ph_conts.pdf.