Helpful Information about Vaccinations

Did you know that your plan covers many common vaccinations?

Coverage of Vaccines under Ultimate's Part B Benefit

Ultimate's Part B Benefit covers the cost of the vaccine and its administration for influenza (flu) vaccine, pneumococcal (pneumonia) vaccine, COVID-19 vaccine, and Hepatitis B vaccine for intermediate and high-risk beneficiaries. The Part B Benefit also covers the cost of vaccines (and administration) that are necessary to treat an injury or direct exposure to a disease or condition. For instance, should you need a tetanus vaccination related to an accidental puncture wound it would be covered under Part B. However, if you simply needed a booster shot of your tetanus vaccine, unrelated to injury or illness, it would be covered under Part D. Part B Vaccines are covered with **$0 copay*** under Ultimate's Part B Benefit.

*Important Note: The copay for a Primary Care Provider (PCP) visit is $0. If you obtain the Part B vaccine at a Specialist office, the specialist copay will apply for the visit if other services aside from the vaccine administration are provided.

Coverage of Vaccines under Ultimate's Part D Benefit

Beginning, January 1, 2023, adult vaccines that are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), including the shingles vaccine, will be available to members through your Medicare prescription drug plan at no cost.

Do you know your risk for shingles?

- Approximately 99.5% of adults in the United States born before 1980 have been infected with the chickenpox virus.
- Approximately 1 in 3 people will experience shingles in their lifetime.

Shingles is a painful blistering rash. The rash may last up to 30 days. It is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. The older you get, the more you're at risk for shingles. The reason is that your body can't defend itself against the virus that causes shingles as well as it could when you were younger.
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; CDC (2022)