



## 2011 Flu Shot Program Guidelines for State Agencies

During this flu season, individual state agencies may make arrangements with local COVA Care, COVA HDHP or COVA Connect participating retail pharmacies to come onsite to give flu shots at no cost to plan members.

The following guidelines apply when setting up a clinic with a local pharmacy:

- The local pharmacy must participate with Medco (COVA Care), Anthem (COVA HDHP) or Optima Health (COVA Connect) and file online for reimbursement. Members cannot file flu shot claims.
- Agencies may determine whether covered family members, as well as employees, will participate in the onsite flu shot clinic.
- Only covered plan members who bring their plan ID card will receive flu shots at no cost. **The pharmacy must participate with the appropriate plan.**
- Kaiser Permanente HMO members may receive free flu shots at doctor's offices and participating Kaiser medical centers. They will have to pay for onsite flu shots.
- Employees who are not enrolled in state health plans will pay to receive the inoculation and will not be reimbursed.

If you choose to use a participating Virginia health department to provide a clinic onsite, VDH must get approval from Anthem or Optima, depending on the plan administrator, prior to conducting the clinic. A participating health department must file insurance with Anthem or Optima through the medical benefit.