



2014 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 HealthAware 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:

- To be sure that as many participants as possible may receive free flu shots on-site, the pharmacy selected should participate with both Anthem/Express Scripts (COVA Care and COVA HDHP) and Aetna (COVA HealthAware).
- Agencies may decide whether covered family members can 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 employee's plan.**
- Kaiser Permanente HMO members will have to pay for onsite flu shots and cannot file for reimbursement. They may receive free flu shots at Kaiser medical centers.
- While employees who are not enrolled in state health plans may participate, they will have to pay to receive the flu shot and will not be reimbursed by the state program.
- The participating pharmacy must agree to process all flu shot claims for state plan participants and agree to the same contracted rates for each plan as flu shots provided at its pharmacy for the same plan. The state plans will not reimburse any extra fees for pharmacies coming onsite or for any minimum enrollment limits.

Note: Only Anthem will cover flu shots provided by participating Virginia health departments. If you choose to use a participating Virginia health department to provide a clinic on-site, VDH must get approval from Anthem prior to conducting the clinic. A participating health department must file insurance with Anthem through the medical benefit.

