

## HOT TOPIC

# HIGHMARK COVERS NEW SHINGLES VACCINE

## SHINGRIX ADDED TO 2018 PREVENTIVE BENEFITS ADULT IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE

As of Jan. 26, 2018, Highmark covers the FDA-approved vaccine, Shingrix, for the prevention of shingles (herpes zoster) and related complications in adults aged 50 or older. Highmark has added the Shingrix vaccine, code 90750 – Zoster (shingles) vaccine (HZV), recombinant, subunit, adjuvanted, for intramuscular use – as a preventive benefit for members age 50 and older.

Members who received the Zostavax vaccine are eligible for Shingrix as long as it has been two months or more since they received Zostavax.

**Note:** For Medicare Advantage members, Shingrix is covered under their Medicare Part D (prescription drug) benefits.

Highmark is reprocessing claims for Shingrix that were denied before our claims processing system was updated.

## PREVENTIVE HEALTH GUIDELINES AVAILABLE ON PROVIDER RESOURCE CENTER

Highmark maintains a Preventive Schedule for members that is intended to help them get the most out of their preventive care benefits — everything from regular physicals to specific screenings for members who are at risk of certain chronic or serious health conditions.

**Note:** Most, but not all, of our customer groups follow the Highmark Preventive Schedule, meaning not all members may have coverage for services on the schedule. Before providing services for our members, please remember to check the member's benefits via NaviNet® or by using the appropriate HIPAA electronic transactions to determine if the services are covered and if any associated member cost sharing applies. If you do not have access to NaviNet, the self-service options are always available on the Provider Service telephone line if you need assistance.

The administration of any vaccination is subject to the recommendation of the physician or other health care professional. The Preventive Schedule only recommends procedures and testing.

To access the preventive health guidelines, visit the Provider Resource Center via NaviNet® or through our main website under **Helpful Links**. Choose the **Education/Manuals** option, then **Clinical Practice and Preventive Health Guidelines**.

We encourage you to consult our preventive health guidelines when planning care for your patients with Highmark coverage, and we thank you for your support in addressing their health needs.