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EFFECTIVE 8/15/16, ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR PHARMACY-BASED VACCINATIONS TO BE ADJUSTED

Highmark maintains a network of contracted pharmacy-based vaccination (PBV) providers in order for our members to receive certain vaccinations from a pharmacist — such as flu shots or bacterial pneumonia vaccines — and to use their medical benefits.

Effective Aug. 15, 2016, to maintain appropriate and equitable pricing, Highmark will adjust the fee for administration of vaccines in a pharmacy setting as part of the total reimbursement to PBV providers. Historically the vaccine serum fee and administration fee, in total, represent the all-inclusive payment to a PBV provider for vaccinating a Highmark member. Effective Aug. 15, 2016, Highmark will set a uniform fee for payment of all vaccine administration codes to PBV providers. (**Please note:** Vaccine serum fees are unaffected by this change.)

This adjustment will apply to all PBV providers in Highmark's commercial and Medicare Advantage networks, and is intended to create consistency across all applicable markets.

This change will impact only vaccine administration fees paid to PBV providers; fees paid to physicians, retail clinics or urgent care centers aren't affected.

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