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FLUMIST QUADRIVALENT REMOVED FROM LIST OF COVERED VACCINES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recently voted that live attenuated influenza vaccine (known as "nasal spray") should not be used during the 2016-2017 flu season due to decreased effectiveness. The ACIP vote is based on data from 2013 through 2016.

Highmark's Preventive Health Work Group agrees with the ACIP findings and has removed FluMist® Quadrivalent from its list of covered vaccines.

The CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that all children ages 6 months and older and adults receive a seasonal flu shot during the 2016-2017 season, as vaccination remains the best available preventive measure against influenza.