



Provider Newsflash



A fax bulletin for the Molina Healthcare of Washington Provider Network

PROVIDER TIPS TO INCREASE FLU VACCINATIONS (Medicaid, Marketplace, Medicare)

It's more important than ever to get vaccinated against the flu. With flu season upon us we are counting on you, our provider network, to help keep Molina Healthcare members (and your patients) healthy during this season. As a provider, you are the primary source of medical information for our members. Please strongly recommend and offer the flu vaccine to your patients. Your recommendation makes a huge difference in a patient's decision to get vaccinated. Flu vaccination is especially important for people at high risk for flu-related complications, including pregnant women. Even for patients who are not at high risk for complications, it is anticipated that the co-circulating COVID-19 virus means it is more important than ever for us to increase flu immunizations in all of those who can be vaccinated.

Molina Healthcare of Washington would like to share with you a **Flu Provider Tip Sheet** with helpful recommendations to increase flu vaccinations.

TIPS TO INCREASE FLU VACCINATIONS

- Institute a Standing Order Program (SOP) to allow non-physician clinical staff to assess eligibility for vaccination, vaccinate patients, and educate staff about the SOP
- Offer the COVID-19 vaccine or booster at the same time as the flu shot
- Turn on reminders/prompts for the flu vaccine, if on EMR. Review vaccine status in EMR
- Flag the charts of all patients needing the flu vaccine with a brightly colored sheet, if not on EMR
- Remind patients that local pharmacies also offer the flu vaccine
- Address any hesitations patients may have about receiving the flu vaccine
 - Each season requires a different vaccine
 - Flu vaccines do not cause flu and are safe
 - Each year thousands of people in the United States die from flu, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year
- Discuss preventive measures with patients to stop from getting or spreading the flu
- Keep up to date with the CDC's flu and COVID-19 recommendations
- Helpful Flu Education Resources
- www.cdc.gov/flu
<https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/illness-and-disease-z/flu>, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

You may download our Flu Vaccination Tip Sheet from the Molina provider portal found under the "forms section". **Provider Portal Link:** <https://provider.molinahealthcare.com/>.

Thank you for your continued service to Molina Healthcare members.