

H1N1 Flu Vaccine Notice

The H1N1 flu vaccine is being made available across the country at no cost by the federal government. We have announced a number of times that Capital Blue Cross will cover the fee for the administration of the H1N1 flu vaccine. This notice provides additional information about the process and cost involved in getting the H1N1 immunization. Included is an important and useful link to the “H1N1 in PA” web site of the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

A number of groups have been identified by the CDC (the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) as having priority for immunization. You can read about these groups and the logic behind their inclusion here: <http://h1n1inpa.com/vaccines/who-should-consider-vaccination/>. Then, by clicking on the second menu item on the left of the screen (H1N1 Vaccine Locations in PA), you can learn more about the more than 4,000 providers in the state who have registered to administer the vaccine, as well as about public health vaccination clinics that will be opened—all of this when sufficient quantities of the vaccine become available.

Any University employee or dependent (spouse/partner or child) covered by the PPO80, PPO100, or KHP (Keystone Health Plan Central) medical plans can receive the H1N1 vaccine from any provider on the PA Department of Health’s H1N1 registry—including mass immunization clinics typically held at schools or other public venues.

If covered University employees or dependents receive the vaccine from participating providers, the providers will submit claims for the administration of the vaccine directly to Capital Blue Cross, administrator of the University’s medical plans. Participating providers will accept Capital’s allowance as payment in full.

If the vaccine is administered by a non-participating provider, Capital will reimburse the member only up to \$17 for the vaccine administration. The employee or dependent will be responsible for the cost difference, if the non-participating provider bills them for it. Remember that participating providers include providers in the Bluecard nationwide network for those in PPO80 or PPO100, and the employee’s or dependent’s own primary care physician under KHP.

Capital has announced that claims for H1N1 vaccine administration will not be subject to deductibles, co-payments, or co-insurance. For more information from Capital, you can review their information flier, here: https://www.capbluecross.com/NR/rdonlyres/F58F6E06-AB62-47C6-AF01-8DFF32204ABA/0/M72028_Version2_ASO.pdf.

You can also call the Capital Blue Cross Customer Service telephone number on the back of your medical plan ID card with questions.