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FLU VACCINE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU IN 2017

Employees of Pasco County Schools have several options for obtaining a flu vaccine in preparation for the 2017 flu season. Below is a summary of how to obtain a flu vaccine using your Pasco County Schools' insurance benefits:

1. Employee and Family Health and Wellness Centers (CareHere)

Attend the onsite Flu Clinic at your school or worksite. CareHere will visit all schools and worksites to administer flu vaccines at no cost (\$0.00) to employees. **All employees**, including employees not covered under the District's medical plan are eligible to receive a flu vaccine at the flu clinics administered by CareHere. The flu clinic schedule is available online at <http://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/gohealthy/index.php/flu-shots/>.

2. Group Health Plan (Florida Blue)

Florida Blue members enrolled on the BlueCare HMO and BlueOptions PPO plans have \$0 copay for Preventive Services. The flu shot vaccine falls under preventive services.

- a. Make an appointment with your **Primary Care Physician (PCP)** to administer the flu shot. If the provider is **only billing for the vaccine and administration there will be no copay to the member**. If the member sees the doctor for a health condition at the same visit that they are getting the flu shot, the provider may bill an office visit and then the member will have to pay a copay for that visit because of the health condition – not for the flu shot.
- b. **Since you have pharmacy benefits through Florida Blue, flu shots may be administered by a pharmacist at a local pharmacy**, such as Walgreens or Publix at no cost to you. Just provide the pharmacy with your Member Contract ID card and they will bill it under your pharmacy benefits.

- c. Go to a **participating Convenience Care Center (CCC)**, such as, Take Care Health Services at Walgreens Pharmacy. If the CCC participates with the employee's Florida Blue Plan (BlueCare HMO or BlueOptions PPO Networks) and the CCC is **contracted** to administer the flu shot, members will not pay a copay for flu shot services only. Members may contact Patty Nguyen (On-site Florida Blue Rep.) or Florida Blue Customer Service or access the online provider directory to find a participating CCC. The Online Provider Directory will indicate that **flu shot services** are offered at that particular CCC. Look for it under the heading, "History/Credentials". Members need to call the specific CCC directly to check the availability of the preservative-free flu vaccine.
- d. Go to a participating **Urgent Care Center (UCC)**, such as MedExpress Urgent Care for the flu shot if that location is **contracted** to administer the flu shot. Members will not pay a copay for flu shot services only. Members may contact Patty Nguyen or Florida Blue Customer Service or access the online provider directory to find a participating UCC. The Online Provider Directory will indicate that **flu shot services** are offered at that particular UCC. Look for it under the heading, "History/Credentials". Members need to call the specific UCC directly to check the availability of the preservative –free flu vaccine.

Contact Information:

- a. Patty Nguyen – extension 42492
- b. Florida Blue Customer Service-1.800.507.9820
- c. Online Provider Directory – www.floridablue.com, click on "Find A Doctor" on task bar. Next, select your plan. HMO members, select "BlueCare (HMO)". BlueOptions PPO Standard members, select, " BlueOptions ". On the Search Criteria Page, Select Provider Type, "Hospital/Facility" and Specialty, "Urgent Care Centers/Walk-in Clinics" from the drop down menus.

If you have any questions, please email your Florida Blue On-site Representative, Patty Nguyen at Patricia.Nguyen@bcbsfl.com.