

## Flu Season 2018-2019

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- IPA/MSO
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This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers.

### Help Your Patients Prevent the Flu

Thanks for helping keep our members (and your patients) healthy during this flu season! As a provider, you are a trusted source of medical information for our members.

**Please talk to your patients about why it is important to get the flu shot.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends three simple steps to prevent the flu. We ask you to encourage your patients to "Take 3 Actions":

- 1) get a flu vaccine;
- 2) wash hands frequently to stop the spread of germs; and
- 3) take flu antiviral drugs if the doctor prescribes them.

### Review of the 2018/2019 Flu Season Recommendations

Molina Healthcare has adopted the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) flu vaccination recommendations. According to the CDC and ACIP, all people six months of age and older who do not have contraindications should receive licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate flu vaccinations. Note: Please review the entire set of recommendations, including information about persons at risk for medical complications due to severe flu, on the CDC Web site at: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).

### Important Updates This Year

- For the 2018-19 season, *Inactivated influenza Vaccines (IIVs)*, *Recombinant Influenza Vaccines (RIV)*, and *Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccines (LAIV)* are expected to be available. Standard-dose, unadjuvanted, inactivated influenza vaccines will be available in quadrivalent (IIV4) and trivalent (IIV3) formulations. Recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4) and live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV4) will be available in quadrivalent formulations. High-dose inactivated influenza vaccine (HD-IIV3) and adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine (aIIV3) will be available in trivalent formulations.

- While LAIV4 was not recommended during the last 2 flu seasons, ACIP has voted to recommend this vaccine for the current season under certain conditions (see CDC link for specifications).
- **For more information about the flu vaccination recommendations and to get brochures and posters for your office, please go to the CDC Web site at: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).**

### ***What is Molina doing to Make Sure our Members Receive Flu Shots?***

Your patients may receive one or more of the following from Molina:

- a verbal flu shot reminder when members contact Molina; and/or
- a newsletter that contains an article about the importance of getting a flu shot; and/or
- preventive tips that are included online through the Molina website; and/or
- calls from Molina Case Managers and Pharmacists who will encourage members to receive flu shots; and/or
- flu messaging through social media that encourage members to get their flu shot; and/or
- a planner to keep track of recommended preventive care services, including the flu shot.

Molina Healthcare thanks you for helping keep our members healthy.

### **QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions regarding the notification, please contact your Molina Provider Services Representative at (855) 322-4075.