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PHARMACY TIMES

BY IEHP PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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2018 – 2019 Flu Vaccination for IEHP Members

Dear IEHP Pharmacy Provider,

IEHP allows pharmacy providers to administer the flu vaccine starting **September 05, 2018**. Primary care physicians and Pharmacy Providers can administer the flu vaccine to IEHP Medi-Cal members who are 18 years of age or older and Medicare members. Please note that Medi-Cal Members under the age of 18 can receive the flu vaccine from their primary care physician through the California Vaccine for Children (VFC) program.

Pharmacies must be enrolled in the IEHP Pharmacy Vaccine Network to administer flu vaccine to IEHP members. To enroll in the IEHP Pharmacy Vaccine Network, pharmacy providers must meet the following:

- Requirements as stated in California State Board of Pharmacy regulation, Section 1746.4:
 - Completion of an approved immunization program.
 - Current basic life support certification.
 - 1.0 hour of CE on immunizations/vaccine from an approved vendor, every 2 years.
 - Readily retrievable records of administered vaccines.
 - Inform PCP of vaccine administered, can be via electronic record system, within 14 days of the immunization.
 - Patient or Caregiver informed of immunization record sharing options.
 - **Report immunizations on the California Immunization Registry (CAIR), www.cairweb.org, within 14 days of administration.**
- Immunizations need to be based on the schedule from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Pharmacists must ensure that the flu vaccine is administered only once during the season.
- Accept IEHP Pharmacy Vaccine Network terms and rates.

Pharmacy providers that meet the above requirements can contact DST Systems to enroll into the pharmacy vaccine network by emailing: pcontracts2@dsthealth.com.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us at (909) 890-2049 between 8:00 AM -5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,
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