

Special Bulletin

For professional and facility providers

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CDC Adds Meningitis and Monkeypox Vaccines to 2024 Preventive Schedule

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently approved new vaccines for meningitis and monkeypox (now called mpox) for the 2024 Preventive Schedule **effective January 1, 2024**.

The new pentavalent meningitis vaccine protects against five variants in a single shot, an improvement over current vaccines which offer less protection, with some requiring two shots.

The mpox vaccine requires two shots and has only been available via government supplies since being approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) in 2019. Once government supplies are exhausted and the vaccine moves into the commercial marketplace, programming will allow payment of claims.

Procedure Code	Vaccine
90623	Meningitis – Pentavalent meningococcal
90611	Monkeypox (mpox)

These additions to the Preventive Schedule will help your patients stay healthier in 2024. Please follow CDC guidelines for administering the vaccines.

Member Cost Share

For members who have plans with the standard preventive schedule, *it is likely that there will be no member cost share*. However, it is possible that some members may see **out-of-pocket costs** when receiving the new vaccine if their group health plan does not cover this preventive benefit.

For benefits to be paid, the member must be eligible on the date of service and the service must be a covered benefit. Providers should use the provider portal — [Availity](#)[®] or [NaviNet](#)[®] — or the applicable HIPAA electronic transactions to check member benefits.

To view the CDC-approved Immunization Schedules for 2024, click the links below:

- [Children Ages 0-18 Immunization Schedule](#)
- [Adult Ages 19 and Older Immunization Schedule](#)

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