

Special Bulletin

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For professional and facility providers

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RSV Vaccines Approved for Infants, Pregnant Women, and Older Adults

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has approved respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines for infants, pregnant women, and adults 60 years of age and older. These vaccines are being retroactively added to the Highmark Preventive Schedules.

Infants

The CDC is recommending a new immunization to help protect all infants under 8 months and some older babies (up to 2 years old) at increased risk of severe illness caused by RSV. The following codes apply:

Procedure Code	Drug	CDC Effective Date
90380	Beyfortus	August 3, 2023
90381	Beyfortus	August 3, 2023

Pregnant Women

The CDC approved an RSV vaccine for pregnant women to help protect newborns during their first six months. RSV can be especially harmful for infants, resulting in serious illness. Abrysvo is approved for use later in a pregnancy (weeks 32 through 36). Use the code below:

Procedure Code	Drug	CDC Effective Date
90678	Abrysvo	September 22, 2023

Older Adults

The CDC recommends adults 60 years and older may receive a single dose of an RSV vaccine, based on discussions between the patient and health care provider. Providers should use the following codes:

Procedure Code	Drug	CDC Effective Date
90678	Abrysvo	July 21, 2023
90679	Arexvy	July 21, 2023

Retroactive Dates

As noted above, the RSV vaccines have been retroactively added to the Preventive Health Schedule for infants on **August 3, 2023**, pregnant women on **September 22, 2023**, and older adults on **July 21, 2023**.

Member Cost Share

For members who have plans with the standard preventive schedule, it is highly 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 employer does not offer the preventive benefit or their plan does not otherwise cover it.

Medicare Part D covers the RSV vaccine if it's recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), a government agency that gives advice about who should get certain vaccines. At this time, the RSV vaccine is recommended for adults 60 and older.

Updated Immunization Schedules

To view the updated **2023 Immunization Schedules**, go to the Provider Resource Center. Select **EDUCATION/MANUALS** from the left menu and then click **Preventive Health Guidelines**. Once you arrive at the page, scroll down to the **2023 IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES** section, which includes links to the CDC-approved immunization schedules for children and adults:

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

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