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Dear Healthcare Practitioner and Office Staff:

Presbyterian Health Plan and Presbyterian Insurance Company, Inc., Provider Services Department is dedicated to communicating changes to our provider network. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about a new change issued by the Medicare Administration regarding vaccines. For Presbyterian members enrolled in a Medicare plan, this comprehensive list of vaccines will now be considered Part D vaccines and must apply to the member's Part D pharmacy benefit:

- Acthib, Adacel, Attenuvax, Boostrix, Comvax, Daptacel, Diphtheria/Tetanus Toxoid
- Gardasil, Havrix, Hibtiter, Imovax Rabies(H.D.C.V.), Infanrix, Ipol Inactivated IPV
- Je-vax, Menactra, Menomune-A/C/Y/W-135
- Meruvax II w/diluent, M-M-R II w/diluent, M-R-Vax II, Mumpsvax w/diluent
- Pediarix, Pedvax HIB, Proquad, Rabavert, Rotateq
- Tetanus Toxoid, Tetanus Toxoid Adsorbed, Tetanus/Diphtheria Toxoid
- Tice BCG, Tripedia, Twinrix, Typhim Vi
- Vaqta, Varivax, Vivotif Berna, YF-Vax, Zostavax

As of 01/01/2008, a claim submission to Presbyterian for one of these vaccines will be denied. A Presbyterian letter of communication with instructions will also be mailed to our members currently enrolled in a Presbyterian Medicare plan.

The member has three options for obtaining any of these Part D vaccines. In an effort to assist our members with selecting the best choice, the list below begins with the choice involving the fewest steps:

1. The member may simply go to their pharmacy and request that a pharmacist certified to vaccinate deliver this service to them. In doing so, the member pays only for their prescription copay. The pharmacy then submits a claim for the vaccine and administration to the pharmacy vendor.
2. The member may choose to purchase and transport on his or her own any transportable vaccine to your office for the administration. In this second scenario, the member is responsible for the purchase of the vaccine at the pharmacy and then for the administration at your office. If there is an office visit conducted at this time, your office may submit a claim to Presbyterian and the member will be responsible for the office visit copay.



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3. Finally, if the member chooses to go only to your office and not the pharmacy, they will have to pay for both the vaccine and the administration as charged by your office. Again, they would only be responsible for an office visit copay if an office visit is conducted along with the vaccine administration.

We appreciate your commitment to providing excellent care and service to our members. As always, thank you for partnering with us to improve the health of individuals, families and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cynthia Montoya".

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