

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

POLICY NAME: Adult Pneumonia and Shingles Vaccine (Expanded Benefit)	POLICY ID: FL.UM.35
BUSINESS UNIT: Sunshine State Health Plan	FUNCTIONAL AREA: Utilization Management
EFFECTIVE DATE: 5/1/2014	PRODUCT(S): Managed Medical Assistance (MMA), and Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
REVIEWED/REVISED DATE: 1/15, 01/16, 1/17, 3/18, 5/19, 6/20, 7/21, 11/21, 12/22, 11/2023	
REGULATOR MOST RECENT APPROVAL DATE(S): Please refer to system of record – Archer	

POLICY STATEMENT:

Sunshine Health will cover at no charge to the member medically necessary Pneumonia (Pneumococcal) Vaccines and Shingles (Zoster) Vaccines for members aged 21 through 65 in accordance with the most recent recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The ACIP develops recommendations on how to use vaccines to control disease in the United States. The recommendations include the age(s) when the vaccines should be given, the number of doses needed, the amount of time between doses, and precautions and contraindications.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to promote timely utilization management decisions for the administration of Vaccines for members aged 21 to 65.

Vaccine – Influenza (different process to follow)

Vaccine – Pneumonia with prior authorization

Vaccine – Shingles One-time, two-dose vaccine with prior authorization

Vaccine – TDaP One (1) vaccine per pregnancy (different process to follow)

SCOPE:

Sunshine Health Utilization Management (UM) Department. Managed Medical Assistance (MMA), and Serious Mental Illness (SMI). This policy applies to all directors, officers, and employees of Centene Corporation, its affiliates, health plans, and subsidiary companies (collectively, the "Company").

DEFINITIONS:

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) - Provides advice and guidance to the Director of the CDC regarding use of vaccines and related agents for control of vaccine-preventable diseases in the civilian population of the United States. Recommendations made by the ACIP are reviewed by the CDC Director and, if adopted, are published as official CDC/HHS recommendations in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

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Sunshine Health will follow these recommendations and contraindications established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), unless:

- In making a medical judgment in accordance with accepted medical practices, such compliance is deemed medically inappropriate; or
- The particular requirement is not in accordance with Florida law, including law relating to religious exemptions.

See the attached ACIP guidelines for information on the applicable criteria for these immunizations.

PROCEDURE:

Sunshine Health has timeframes in place for practitioners and providers to notify Sunshine Health of a service request and for Sunshine Health to make utilization management (UM) decisions and notifications to the enrollee, practitioner, and provider in a timely manner. See Policy FL.UM.05 – Timeliness of UM Decisions and Notifications.

The ACIP criteria will be reviewed and updated annually, unless the ACIP publish applicable changes prior to the annual review. The quality improvement ongoing review of preventive health guidelines will be used to monitor ACIP for changes. See Policy FL.QI.08 Preventive Health and Clinical Practice Guidelines

The Sunshine Health UM staff will process requests for authorizations regarding the administration of Adult Pneumonia and Shingles Vaccine and make decisions following a standardized process and time period. (See Policy FL.UM. 05.00 Timeliness of UM Decisions and Notifications.)

The utilization management nurse will review the request against the ACIP guideline. If services meet the ACIP guideline an authorization will be approved, and approval will be communicated back to the requesting provider. If the request does not meet the ACIP guideline the nurse will send the request to a Sunshine Health Medical Director for review. If services are denied by the Medical Director, communication of the denial will be sent to the requesting provider. See Policy FL UM 05 Timeliness of UM Decisions Policy

The time and date of any request for UM review is documented in the Sunshine Health clinical management system. For fax requests, the receipt date and time of authorization request in the clinical management system is reconciled to the request date and time shown in the Document Management System (CDMS), which is the system that receives the electronic image of any fax.

REFERENCES:

AHCA Contract No. FP060
 Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
<http://www.immunize.org/>. Accessed June 28, 2020
<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2019.pdf>. Accessed June 28, 2020
<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2025.pdf>. Accessed June 28, 2020
<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2011.pdf>. Accessed June 28, 2020
 FL.UM.05.00 Timeliness of UM Decisions and Notifications
 FL.QI.08 Preventive Health and Clinical Practice Guidelines
 FL.UM.06.00 – Processing Utilization Management Requests and Documentation

ATTACHMENTS:

ACIP guidelines for Pneumonia (Pneumococcal) Vaccines and Shingles (Zoster) Vaccines



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<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-combined-schedule-bw.pdf>. Accessed June 28, 2020

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES: Utilization Management

REGULATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: State review and approval required for any substantial changes and upon request

REVISION LOG

REVISION TYPE	REVISION SUMMARY	DATE APPROVED & PUBLISHED
New Policy Document	New policy- added reference number	1/28/2015
Annual Review	Added policy number FL.UM.05 Timeliness of Decisions	01/08/2016
Annual Review	Annual review; added reference to ACIP as an advisory committee of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	01/23/2017

Annual Review	Annual review: updated ACIP web links and ACIP guidelines	3/12/2018
Annual Review	Annual review: no changes	5/28/2019
Annual Review	Annual review: Corrected name and number for policies referenced, and AHCA contract number. Checked links and added access dates. Updated adult immunization schedule to 2020 guidelines and changed approver 3 to VP Medical Affairs.	06/29/2020
Annual Review	No changes needed	7/22/2021
Policy Update	Policy update: Added: SMI product line to coverage and added Vaccine – Influenza (different process to follow) Vaccine – Pneumonia with prior authorization Vaccine – Shingles One-time, two dose vaccine with prior authorization Vaccine – Tdap One (1) vaccine per pregnancy (different process to follow)	11/22/2021
Annual Review	No changes needed	12/22/22
Annual Review	Updated Policy ID Added Policy ID and Name to “Footer” Made minor grammatical changes	11/2023

POLICY AND PROCEDURE APPROVAL

The electronic approval retained in RSA Archer, the Company's P&P management software, is considered equivalent to a signature.