

## Help Your Patients Prevent the Flu

We're counting on you, our provider network, to help keep our members (and your patients) healthy during this flu season. As a provider, you are the primary source of medical information for our members.

**Please counsel your patients on why it is important to get the flu shot and to dispel any fears or concerns patients may have about the flu shot.**

### *Steps You Can Take*

Discuss three simple steps with your patients so they can protect themselves, their families and others from getting the flu.

- 1) Get a flu vaccine; and
- 2) Stop the spread of germs; and
- 3) Take flu antiviral drugs if the doctor prescribes them.

These three simple steps can help your patients prevent the flu. They are a part of the "Take 3 Actions" campaign developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Visit the CDC website for brochures and/or posters for your office.

### *Review of the 2017/2018 Flu Season Recommendations*

Molina Healthcare has adopted the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) flu vaccination recommendations. According to the CDC and ACIP, all people six months of age and older who do not have contraindications should receive flu vaccinations. A licensed, recommended, and age-appropriate vaccine should be used. **Note: Please review the entire set of recommendations, including information about persons at risk for medical complications due to severe flu, on the CDC Web site at: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).**

### **Important Updates This Year:**

- For the 2017–18 season, quadrivalent and trivalent influenza vaccines will be available. Inactivated influenza vaccines (IIVs) will be available in trivalent (IIV3) and quadrivalent (IIV4) formulations. Recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV) will be available in trivalent (RIV3) and quadrivalent (RIV4) formulations.
- Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV4) is not recommended for any population use during the 2017–18 season due to concerns about its effectiveness against (H1N1)pdm09 viruses during the 2013–14 and 2015–16 seasons.

- For more information about the flu vaccination recommendations, please go to the CDC Web site at: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).

### ***Molina Covers Flu Shots for Molina Members***

As a reminder, the flu vaccine is a covered benefit for Molina Healthcare members. Members can receive the flu shot at a contracted pharmacy and/or Primary Care Physician office. For more information about the flu benefit, members can contact Member Services using the number included on the back of his/her member ID card or visit our website at: <http://www.molinahealthcare.com/members/ut/en-US/hp/medicaid/overvw/Coverd/Pages/coverd.aspx>

### ***What Molina is doing to Make Sure our Members Receive Flu Shots?***

Molina continues our annual member education campaign to ensure our members stay healthy this flu season. To that end, your patients may receive one or more of the following from Molina:

- A verbal flu shot reminder when they contact Molina
- A newsletter that contains an article about the importance of getting a flu shot
- Preventive tips that are included on-line through the Molina Web site
- Calls from Molina Case Managers and Pharmacists who will encourage members to receive flu shots
- Flu messaging through Social Media Campaigns that encourage members to get their flu shot
- A Planner to keep track of recommended preventive care services, including the flu shot

Molina Healthcare thanks you for your participation in this year's flu season.