

FAQ on H1N1 Vaccine and Related Treatment Coverage

1. What is H1N1 Flu (Formerly known as Swine Flu)?

H1N1 Flu is a respiratory disease caused by type A influenza viruses.

2. How can I find more information about the H1N1 Flu?

- a. You can find out more information by consulting with your Primary Care Provider (PCP) or,
- b. You can get updated information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> or,
- c. You can also find the link to the official CDC website by visiting the Community Health Plan website <http://chpw.org/>.

3. How can I find out if my symptoms are related to H1N1 Flu?

If you believe your symptoms are related to H1N1, please contact your primary care provider immediately.

4. I think my symptoms are related to H1N1 Flu but have not been able to reach my Primary Care Provider. What can I do at the meantime? I think my symptoms are related to H1N1 Flu. What should I do?

You are welcome to call our 24/7 Nurse Advice Line at 866-418-1002 (voice) or 1-866-418-1006 (TTY for speech or hearing impaired).

5. Is there a vaccine for H1N1?

Yes. H1N1 vaccine was approved by FDA on 9/15/2009. It will be shipped in mid-October to your provider's office. For more information, please visit http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/public/vaccination_qa_pub.htm

6. Is H1N1 vaccine covered by Community Health Plan?

For non-Medicare: Yes, if the vaccine is administered in a physician office.
For Medicare: Yes, if vaccine is administered in a physician office or a pharmacy.

7. Who should receive the H1N1 vaccine?

Due to unpredictability in availability and demands, the CDC has recommended the following order of who should receive the 2009 H1N1 vaccines when it becomes available mid-October.

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers for children <6 months of age
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient contact
- Children 6 months through 4 years of age
- Children 5 through 18 years of age who have chronic medical conditions



- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel without direct patient contact
- Anyone 5 through 24 years of age
- People 25 through 64 years of age who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications



- Anyone 25 through 64 years of age



- Anyone 65 years of age or older*

8. What antiviral agents are covered for by Community Health Plan?

For non-Medicare members, the formulary agents are: amantadine, rimantadine, Tamiflu and Relenza. There are quantity limits for Tamiflu and Relenza:

- 20 capsules/prescription for Tamiflu 30mg
- 10 capsules/prescription for Tamiflu 45mg
- 10 capsules/prescription for Tamiflu 75mg
- 75mL/prescription for Tamiflu suspension
- 1 inhaler of Relenza/prescription

For MAPD and MA-SNP members, both Tamiflu and Relenza are also on formulary. Below are the limits on these agents:

- Tamiflu 75mg = max 56 caps per 365 days
- Tamiflu 30mg = max 40 caps per 365 days
- Tamiflu 45mg = max 20 caps per 365 days
- Tamiflu suspension = max \$1500 per fill
- Relenza = max \$1500 per fill