

Vaccinate Your Patients Against Flu

L.A. Care Health Plan is asking providers to schedule flu shot appointments for all patients six (6) months of age and older.

Tips for your practice:

- Remind patients by phone, text, mail, and/or email to get vaccinated
- Emphasize the vaccine is:
 - o Needed every year
 - o Free for L.A. Care members
 - o Very important to protect children, seniors, and high-risk patients
- Offer vaccinations as soon as possible (typically in September). Vaccines should be available throughout the flu season. Please ensure the vaccine is stocked until May
- Every in-person visit is an opportunity to educate and vaccinate
- Telehealth visits are opportunities to promote the availability of flu vaccination at local pharmacies or community flu events. Go to www.lacare.org/flu to find a community flu site.

Providers are the most trusted source of vaccine information and advice.

L.A. Care promotes the importance of annual flu vaccination to members through reminder postcards, newsletters, and social media. As such, providers should anticipate an influx of members needing the flu vaccine. This time is also an opportunity to provide the pneumococcal vaccine to patients 65 years and older.

For more information about this year's flu vaccination, please visit the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health at http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/Flu.htm or access L.A. Care Health Plan's Flu and Covid-19 Provider Tools and Resources available at https://www.lacare.org/providers/provider-resources/tools-toolkits/flu-and-covid-19-resources.

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