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Help HPSM Members Get Vaccinated Against the Flu and COVID-19

Dear providers,

With winter approaching, it's time to remind Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) members to get vaccinated against the flu and COVID-19.

You can see what vaccines members are due for at the California Immunization Registry:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CAIR/pages/cair-updates.aspx>

Administering vaccines during office visits is the surest way to ensure members get their needed vaccinations. During the visit, also encourage members to get any other vaccines they are due for. For example, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone six months and older get the updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine.

If HPSM members don't want to get vaccinated during their visit to your office, encourage them to schedule a visit for their vaccines at another time that works for them. If members are 19 years or older, you can also let them know they can get the flu or COVID-19 vaccine by visiting their local pharmacy and showing their HPSM member ID.

Here are things to remind HPSM members about when they visit your clinic:

- The flu vaccine helps protect them and their loved ones from getting sick from the flu and having to miss days from work or school.
- The vaccine can help protect them from flu complications that can be life-threatening for some.

Reminder: primary care providers can earn bonus payments for administering the seasonal flu vaccine to assigned HPSM Medi-Cal and CareAdvantage members six months and older before March 2025. Learn more here: <https://www.hpsm.org/provider/incentive-payments/incentive-payments-for-primary-care-providers>

Please direct questions to HPSM Provider Services at PSInquiries@hpsm.org.

Thank you,

The Health Plan of San Mateo