



Happy Holidays 

Welcome

We understand that staying informed and connected is vital to providing the best possible care for our members. That's why we have curated this exclusive newsletter to keep you up to date with the latest developments, news, and resources. Thank you for being an essential part of the Gold Kidney Health Plan network. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our members and create a healthier, happier future.

Have you completed your annual training(s)?

Reminder that it's time for providers to complete their FWA and MOC training if they haven't done so already. As a healthcare provider, it is your responsibility to complete these annual training sessions. You can access the training modules at www.GoldKidney.com.

2024 Benefit Highlights How does HMO-POS work for providers?

In the Gold Kidney HMO-POS Plans, member copayments and coinsurance remain consistent, whether the healthcare service is obtained from an in-network or out-of-network provider. Members do not incur any additional costs or penalties for receiving care from a provider who is not part of the network.

- Member Copayments and Coinsurance — Whether the healthcare service is provided by an in-network or out-of-network provider, the member's copayment or coinsurance may be collected at the time of service.
- In-Network / Contracted Providers — In-network providers can offer care to members and submit claims to Gold Kidney Health Plan for reimbursement.
- Out-of-Network / Non-Contracted Providers — Out-of-network providers are also permitted to deliver care to Gold Kidney members and submit claims for reimbursement. Gold Kidney will reimburse the out-of-network provider at 100% of the applicable Medicare allowable, following Medicare payment rules, minus any applicable copays or coinsurance.

New Plans Offered in 2024

Essential Care *MA only*

Gold Circle *Diabetes C-SNP*

All other Gold Kidney C-SNP and MAPD plans from 2023 continue to be offered with Enhanced benefits in 2024!

Are you interested in learning more about our 2024 Benefits and provider changes?

Contact us at providerrelations@goldkidney.com to schedule a presentation.



It's not too late to get your Flu Shot!



Providers, as the first line of defense for all sick patients, let's prioritize our health and the well-being of those around us this winter season by getting our flu

shots. Remind patients of the crucial importance of receiving the flu vaccine to prevent the spread of the flu. Together, we can contribute to a healthier community.

Information For Health Professionals

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends yearly flu vaccines for persons 6 months and older without vaccine contraindication. Providers may administer any U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved, age-appropriate flu vaccine. Review the current [flu vaccine product table](#) for the most recent updates on product availability and their approved age ranges.

What flu vaccines are recommended this season?

For this flu season, providers may choose to administer any licensed, age-appropriate flu vaccine (IIV, RIV4, or LAIV4). [ACIP Recommendations](#)

Vaccine options this season include:

- [Standard dose flu vaccines](#).
- [High-dose vaccines](#) for people 65 years and older.
- [Vaccines made with adjuvant](#) for people 65 years and older.
- [Vaccines made with virus grown in cell culture](#). No eggs are involved in the production of this vaccine.

- Vaccines made using a vaccine production technology ([recombinant vaccine](#)) that do not require having a candidate vaccine virus (CVV) sample to produce.
- [Live attenuated influenza vaccine \(LAIV\)](#). – A vaccine made with attenuated (weakened) live virus that is given by nasal spray.
- Find additional information here: [Influenza Vaccination: A Summary for Clinicians](#).



Important notes for this flu season¹

- The [composition of flu vaccines](#) has been updated.
- The influenza A(H1N1) pdm09 vaccine virus component was updated for egg-based and cell- or recombinant-based flu vaccines.
- All flu vaccines will be quadrivalent (four component), meaning designed to protect against four different flu viruses. For more information: [Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine | CDC](#).
- [Flu Related Questions and Answers](#).

Recommendations this Flu Season¹

- Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged 6 months and older who do not have contraindications.
- For most persons who need only one dose of influenza vaccine for the season, vaccination should ideally be offered during September or October.



However, vaccination should continue throughout the season as long as influenza viruses are circulating.

- Approved dose volumes vary by age and product. An age-appropriate vaccine should be used at an appropriate dose.
- Persons who are pregnant or who might be pregnant during the influenza season should receive influenza vaccine.
- For more detailed recommendations visit the CDC website: Summary: [‘Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\)’](#).

Coding Considerations

- Please file claims with correct coding*
- The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) [coding chart](#) recommends which billing code to use based on the vaccine administered. (This chart is not a comprehensive list.)
- Code descriptions are specific to the vaccine product.
- Code descriptions may include:

- Dosage amounts
- Distinctive features (i.e., preservative-free, split virus, recombinant DNA, cell cultures or adjuvanted)

* *Correct coding requires services to be reported with the most specific code available that appropriately describes the service*

Please ensure any vaccines that are administered are entered into the ASIS-Arizona Department of Health Services

Gold Kidney can assist your provider office in identifying patients who may need a Flu Vaccine and/or COVID-19 vaccine/booster. If your practice requires any vaccine assistance or has general quality improvement inquiries, please email your inquiry to quality@goldkidney.com.


Patients can earn Reward points for obtaining the Flu vaccine. For more information on the Rewards program, visit goldkidney.com.



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Email us for a great way to start your day! The first 3 offices to email Gold Kidney PR, with the phrase  “Very Merry for Gold” win coffee & donuts for the office.

As the year is coming to an end, we would like to wish your office a Prosperous and Happy New Year!

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