



Health Quality Innovation Network

*Simple Strategies Stand-Up*

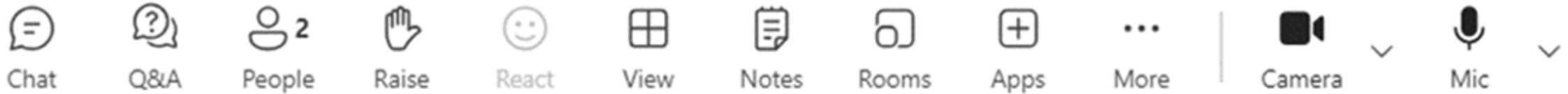
## **Healthy Bites & Insights: Lunch with the HQI Pharmacist**

Build Vaccine Success and Confidence Through:  
Sharing, Role Play, Education and Teams

Session 2 : Billing Blunders: Vaccines and the Fine Print

2/4/2025

# Logistics – Teams Webinar



To ask a question, click on the **Q&A** icon.

**Raise your hand** if you want to verbally ask a question.

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# Your Team



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# Goals/Objectives for Series

- Decrease risk of F887 citations
- Entertaining role play addressing real life scenarios
- Discuss common fears and misconceptions about vaccines in a supportive environment
- Get your vaccine related questions answered in real time by HQI's pharmacist



# Polling Question

What challenges has your facility experienced related to billing vaccines?

- A. Part A resident vaccine billing
- B. Part B resident vaccine billing
- C. Covering the cost of vaccines
- D. Other (put your challenges in Chat)



# Addy and Paula



# Billing Medicare for Vaccines in a Nursing Home

## Flu, pneumococcal & COVID-19 vaccines

Medicare Part B covers influenza, pneumococcal, and COVID-19 vaccines with no consumer cost-sharing. A vaccine may be billed by the facility or the LTC pharmacy, depending on whether the patient is in their Part A stay.

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### For Part A stay residents (including hospice patients)

- Facility will bill the vaccine cost and administration fee on single claims using Type of Bill (TOB) 22X, or submit claims on a roster bill for multiple patients at a time.
- LTC pharmacy isn't allowed to bill directly for these Part B vaccines.

*Note: During the COVID-19 public health emergency, outside immunizers could bill Medicare directly for providing flu, pneumococcal, and COVID-19 vaccinations onsite at SNF facilities. This flexibility ended on June 30, 2023.*

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### For non-Part A / long-term stay residents

- Facility can bill the vaccine cost and administration fee on single claims using TOB 23X, or submit claims on a roster bill for multiple patients at a time.

[Billing Medicare for Respiratory Vaccines](#)

# Keys to Success from American Society of Consultant Pharmacists

Topic	Solution/Recommendation/Opportunity
Vaccine History Unavailable or Unknown	Establish a policy and procedure to manage new admissions within 24 to 48 hours, post admission. A best practice would include referencing the state IIS system.
Medicare Part B Billing vaccines on a skilled stay (Medicare A) For example, influenza, <i>pneumococcal</i> , and COVID	These vaccines are separate from any Part A bundled rate when it is for preventative and not therapeutic purposes. They are subject to consolidated billing and must be submitted by the SNF on either a separate inpatient or outpatient Part B claim, or roster billed for multiple residents.
Medicare Part D Pharmacies can bill Medicare Part D for some vaccines on a skilled stay (Medicare A), but this does not apply to influenza, <i>pneumococcal</i> or COVID vaccines.	If administered for preventive purposes: Part D plan would pay any approved entity that administers the vaccine regardless of Part A status (not subject to SNF consolidated billing). For example, RSV is covered only under Part D, so it is not covered by Part A or B. RSV can be billed by any outside pharmacy or other entity regardless of SNF Part A (if preventative) or long-stay status.
Contracting for Vaccine Administration	Pharmacies can contract in any way/at any point with the nursing facility and vice versa; so, it is bidirectional. <a href="#">Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccination Administrator Agreement</a>
Managed Care Patients Admitted into SNFs	Review managed care plan contract to understand reimbursement.
Vaccine CMS SNF Fact Sheet	<b>Notable</b> <a href="#">Billing Medicare for Respiratory Vaccines</a>



# Resources

- [Billing Medicare for Respiratory Vaccines \(SNF Fact Sheet\)](#)
- [Vaccine Administration Toolkit](#)
- [Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccination Administrator Agreement](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Declination Form](#)
- [Recommended Vaccinations for Adults | Vaccines & Immunizations | CDC \(easy to read\)](#)
- [ACIP Recommendations: COVID-19 Vaccine | ACIP Recommendations | CDC](#)
- [Vaccine Pricing | CMS](#)
- [Planning for COVID-19 Care Conversation Tool | HQIN](#)



# Next Session

## **February 11, 2025 – Vaccine Chats: *Turning Skeptics Into Believers***

Join us for an engaging and informative webinar designed to equip you with the tools and strategies needed to effectively communicate with vaccine skeptics. We will offer an entertaining role play and practical techniques to foster understanding and address common myths and misconceptions about vaccines.

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