



“Will my health plan cover the vaccine cost?”

Your doctor is not likely to know what is covered by each specific health plan. An insurance company will have a variety of plans and your coverage will depend on the policy purchased by an employer or other provider, or that you may have purchased yourself. Here is some information to get you started:

- Neither MSP or Pharmacare cover non-publicly funded vaccines.
- If you have an extended benefits plan from a private insurance agency, vaccines may be covered. You should obtain the DIN (Drug Identification Number) from a pharmacy, then contact your private insurance agency to find out about this aspect of medical coverage.
- Government or private sector employees may have vaccine coverage in their benefits package. If this is your situation, check with your Human Resources Department (or equivalent in smaller organizations).
- BC Health Authorities may provide a non-publicly funded vaccine if a child is at higher risk for a vaccine related illness. For further information, talk with your physician or a nurse at a Health Unit.
- If you are interested in coverage for vaccinations for a child attending a post secondary institution, some institutions provide some vaccines as part of the student health plan. Ask the student to check with Student Health Services on his/her campus.



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