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To: Coordinated care organizations
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Subject: Oregon Health Plan covers travel and nonroutine adult vaccines starting Oct. 1, 2023

Starting Oct. 1, 2023, the Oregon Health Plan will cover the following codes. These are for nonroutine vaccines that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends for adults.

Table with 2 columns: Code, Description. Lists vaccine codes (90473, 90474, 90581, 90584, 90586, 90587, 90625, 90690, 90691, 90717, 90738, 90758) and their descriptions.

To reflect this change, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will:

- List the specific codes in the Oct. 1, 2023 Prioritized List of Health Services, pending decisions at the August 17, 2023 meeting of the Health Evidence Review Commission. OHA expects to publish the list by Sept. 1, 2023, on the Pending Prioritized List of Health Services page.
Update Oregon Administrative Rule 410-120-1200 to remove language excluding travel vaccine coverage.

Why is this happening?

ACIP recommends these vaccines for adults due to underlying health conditions, occupation or travel. This change follows federal guidance to cover all ACIP-recommended vaccines for adults as required by section 11405 of the Inflation Reduction Act.

What should you do?

Please ensure coverage of these vaccines for your members by:

- Opening payment for the new vaccine codes.
Assessing your provider network. Make changes if needed to ensure appropriate access to these services. Pay special attention to travel vaccine providers.

Please communicate this coverage change to:

- Providers who render or refer for these services.
- Members as appropriate. Update member-facing information to include this new coverage.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Daniels at 503-385-3718 or jason.h.daniels@oha.oregon.gov.

Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our members.