

Anthem provided additional information regarding the vaccine and how it will be covered.

At least in the short term, the cost of the vaccines will be funded by HHS. The CDC has indicated the vaccine purchased with US taxpayers' dollars will be available at no cost.

CMS, along with the Departments of Labor and the Treasury, require that fully-insured and self-funded plans cover the vaccine and vaccine administration with no member cost-sharing for the duration of the public health emergency.

HHS does not cover the costs of vaccine administration for commercial or Medicaid members but they will cover administration for Medicare beneficiaries, including Medicare Advantage members. Anthem health plans will cover those costs for fully-insured customers for all lines of business. Self-insured customers will be financially responsible for the administration fees.

CMS has announced the fees to administer the vaccines at pharmacies range from \$16.94 for the first dose, \$28.39 for the second dose and \$28.39 for vaccines requiring one dose only.