



Enhanced Flu Vaccine Benefit

In response to the severe influenza epidemic, Governor Cuomo has declared a Public Health Emergency in New York. The Empire Plan has also amended its medical coverage to make it easier for enrollees who have not yet been vaccinated to do so.

**Enhancements are effective February 1 until May 31, 2013.
They include:**

Vaccinations are now available without a copayment when received at a pharmacy within United Healthcare's national vaccination program network.

Participating pharmacies are:

- CVS
- Safeway
- Rite Aid
- Target
- Walgreens

Vaccinations received at other pharmacies or administered by nonparticipating physicians will be covered under the Basic Medical component of the plan, subject to reasonable and customary charges but not subject to deductible or coinsurance. Enrollees who chose to be vaccinated at a nonparticipating pharmacy or by a nonparticipating physician will need to submit a claim for reimbursement.

For more information about this benefit enhancement, please read the FAQ or call The Empire Plan toll free at 1-877-7-NYSHIP (1-877-769-7447) and select the Medical Program. You can also go online at <https://www.cs.ny.gov>. Choose Benefit Programs, then NYSHIP Online and then choose your group. Click on What's New? for the most up-to-date information.