## **Vaccine Coverage at Network Pharmacies**

Beginning October 1, 2014, Empire Plan-primary enrollees\* and dependents may receive select preventive vaccines without copayment when administered by a licensed pharmacist\*\* at a pharmacy that participates in CVS Caremark's national vaccine network. This benefit does not apply to groups that have not settled their contracts with the State as of September 1, 2014.

## **Preventive Vaccines Covered:**

- Influenza flu
- Herpes Zoster shingles
- Pneumococcal pneumonia
- Meningococcal meningitis

The Herpes Zoster vaccine is covered without copayment for individuals age 60 and older. It is also available to enrollees between the ages of 55-59, subject to the Level 1 30-day supply copay, currently \$5. To receive the Herpes Zoster vaccine, a prescription is required.

## A list of pharmacies that participate in the vaccination program will be available beginning October 1, 2014 at EmpirePlanRxProgram.com. See reverse side for instructions.

**Note:** Consult with your health care provider to determine which services are most appropriate for you. Be sure to contact your pharmacy to confirm that they participate in the vaccine network and the availability of vaccine(s). If you have questions, please call The Empire Plan at 1-877-769-7447 (1-877-7-NYSHIP) and select 4 for the Prescription Drug Program.

\* If you are a Medicare-primary enrollee, you already receive this benefit.

\*\* New York State restricts pharmacists from administering vaccines to anyone younger than 18. Regulations regarding age limits may differ by state.



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> You can locate a participating pharmacy online through the Empire Plan Prescription Drug Program web site, **EmpirePlanRxProgram.com.**

> Select CVS Caremark, and then Locate a Pharmacy. On this page, you are able to generate a list of participating pharmacies using search criteria including ZIP code, city or state and have the option to narrow the results by 24-hour and drive-thru service, distance and pharmacy name.

> Make sure you choose a pharmacy that participates in the vaccine network, by selecting the "Vaccine Network" box under the "Advanced Search" options before you search.

