



## 2017-18 FLU & ADULT VACCINE UPDATE

September 21, 2017

Dear Care1st and ONECare Providers and Staff:

### **Flu Vaccines**

Routine annual influenza vaccination of all persons aged  $\geq 6$  months without contraindications is recommended. Care1st members may obtain flu vaccines as follows:

Member Age	Location
6 months – 18 years of age	PCP only
19 years of age and older	PCP or contracted pharmacy (Script <b><i>IS NOT</i></b> required)

We want to remind our Care1st PCPs that children under the age of 19 years must receive the influenza vaccine through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

ONECare members may obtain flu vaccines as follows:

Member Age	Location
All ages	PCP or contracted pharmacy (Script <b><i>IS NOT</i></b> required)

To locate a contracted pharmacy, visit our website:

<https://azonline.care1st.com/az/care1stpharmacies>

For the 2017-18 influenza season in the northern hemisphere (includes AZ), CMS recommends inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV) rather than live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) for the prevention of influenza in both children and adults. Additional information can be found on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2017-2018.htm>

### **Other Adult Immunizations**

As a reminder, adult immunizations are covered as appropriate for age, history and health risk as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The current Adult Immunization Schedule is on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/>.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Care1st Network Management using the information below.

***Thank You!***

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