



SEASONAL VACCINATIONS AND YOUR MEDCO PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT

The flu is a respiratory illness caused by a virus. It spreads from person to person and can cause mild to severe symptoms. In the United States, yearly outbreaks of seasonal flu usually occur from autumn through early spring. One of the best ways for preventing the flu is by getting a [vaccination each year](#). The 2010-2011 vaccine provides protection against A/H1N1 (pandemic) influenza and two other influenza viruses – influenza A/H3N2 and influenza B.

Many retail pharmacies now offer seasonal influenza and other vaccines. The pharmacists who give these vaccinations are fully qualified in vaccine administration.

This year we have arranged through Medco to cover both the flu and the pneumonia vaccines at retail pharmacies that participate in the Medco network. Employees and their dependents that are covered by [any Ball State University Health Plan](#) are eligible to receive the vaccines at no cost. Simply show your Medco card and advise the pharmacy that they can process the vaccine claim through Medco. The pharmacy will then enter the claim just like any other retail pharmacy claim and the Ball State Health Plan will be billed for the administration. To find a retail pharmacy where you can get the vaccine, call Medco at **1 800 476-9242** or visit www.medco.com.

Before going to the drugstore, call first to verify that they have the vaccine you need. You should also find out what times the vaccinations are available.

Additionally, if you have already received your vaccine through retail and did not use your Medco benefit, you can file a paper claim with Medco for reimbursement. Claim forms are available on the Medco website as well as on the PEB website under Forms.

Please contact the PEB office at (765) 285-8461 if you have any questions regarding this benefit.