

MESSA Choices and MESSA Choices II Adult Immunization Rider Gives Educational Employees Extra Protection

MESSA's Adult Immunization Rider is a valuable new benefit option designed specifically for educational employees. Keeping our members healthy and on the job is part of our mission. We know how difficult it is to avoid germs and viruses – especially in a school environment.

Fortunately, MESSA's new Adult Immunization Rider is now available to give educational employees an added measure of protection and prevention against the flu and other communicable diseases. Our rider is available for MESSA Choices and Choices II health plans as a stand-alone product or as part of our new In-network co-payment and deductible riders. (MESSA's plan riders must be bargained on a group basis.)

MESSA's Adult Immunization Rider provides coverage for qualifying adult immunizations as a **preventive** benefit at 100% of the allowable amount with no deductible or co-payment.* Qualifying immunizations include those recommended for adults by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). These recommendations are updated annually at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/wk/mm5901-Immunization.pdf>

Adult Immunizations Rider coverage (as of 1/1/2009) includes:

- ⊙ Influenza shot
- ⊙ Hepatitis A
- ⊙ Hepatitis B
- ⊙ HPV/Gardasil for members and covered dependents age 19 to 26
- ⊙ Meningococcal
- ⊙ Pneumococcal
- ⊙ Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- ⊙ Tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis for adults with uncertain vaccination histories
- ⊙ Zoster for age 60 and older
- ⊙ Vaccinations needed for overseas travel, including yellow and jungle fever

To be eligible for coverage, adult immunizations must be administered:

- by an In-network provider, or
- at a MESSA-sponsored worksite wellness event, or
- by a Public Health Department

If you are covered by MESSA's Adult Immunization Rider and have questions, please call MESSA's Member Service Center at 800.336.0013. If you would like your employee group to secure coverage for adult immunizations, please discuss this rider with your local leadership or call your MESSA field representative at 800.292.4910.

***This flyer explains MESSA's Adult Immunization Rider coverage. Childhood immunizations (through age 18) for covered dependents are already covered under MESSA Choices and Choices II. We pay for childhood immunizations as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and the American Academy of Pediatrics.**

“An ounce
of
prevention
is worth a
pound of
cure.”

— Benjamin
Franklin



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