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Flu shot season is upon us! As in years past, the MEA Benefits Trust (MEABT) and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield will support your district's Flu Shot clinics in several ways. Please choose the option that is right for you.

Option 1 – State supplied vaccination program

- ❖ If your district is participating in the State supplied vaccination program for students, staff members at the school will also be eligible to receive their vaccinations at the same time at no charge. The provider should complete the Member Roster form (enclosed) and return the completed form to Anthem for reimbursement of the administration fees only (\$15.00 per staff member). Schools cannot bill for the cost of any vaccine supplied by the State of Maine. The schools who participate in the State program can use a Network Provider; that provider must fill out the Roster for reimbursement of the administration fee only. For more information, email: flu.questions@maine.gov or visit maineflu.gov. MEA Benefits Trust/ Anthem will pay administration fees by any of the methods described in this letter.

If your school chooses NOT to participate in the State's Vaccination Program, any one of the other options below can be used:

Option 2 – Use a Flu Clinic Network Provider from this list and eliminate paperwork.

- **Home Health Visiting Nurses of Southern Maine (Saco)** (207) 284-4566
- **Interim Healthcare (So. Portland)** (207) 775-3366
- **Kno Wal Lin Home Health (Rockland)** (207) 594-9561
- **Maxim Health Systems (George Nightingale) (statewide)** (781) 400-7103
- **Mollen Immunization Clinics (Tim O'Brien) (statewide)** (480) 214-1142
- **SMMC Visiting Nurses (Kennebunk)** (207) 985-1077
- **VNA & Hospice of South Portland** (207) 780-8624
- **Healthy Achievers (Portsmouth)** (603) 422-0905
- **VaxAmerica (statewide)** (888) 444-8522

By selecting an Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Flu Clinic Network Provider from the enclosed list, you don't have to handle paperwork or claims submission. Here's how it works:

- ❖ The worksite clinic(s) must be held by one of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield's network provider(s).
- ❖ To schedule a flu clinic in your district, contact one of the network providers as soon as possible so that they can best meet your needs.
- ❖ The provider handles claims submissions, and therefore a member roster is not required.

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Option 3 – Use your own clinical staff and submit paperwork for reimbursement.

If you have the clinical staff to conduct your own clinic:

- ❖ Anthem will reimburse your district for vaccines administered to MEABT health plan participants.
- ❖ After the clinic, just submit a completed Member Roster Form (enclosed) and a copy of your invoice.
- ❖ Once paperwork is received, we will reimburse your district in full.

Option 4 – Contract with the vendor of your choice, pay them directly and submit paperwork for reimbursement.

If an Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Flu Clinic Network Provider is not available in your area and you would like to have a local vendor provide a clinic for you:

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- ❖ After the clinic, just submit a completed Member Roster Form (enclosed) and a copy of your invoice.
- ❖ Once paperwork is received, we will reimburse your district in full.

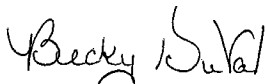
Here are some very important reminders:

- “High risk” employees should be encouraged to contact their doctors right away to get flu shots.
- There will be no charge to school districts or their employees who are MEABT health plan members if vaccinations are administered according to one of the above options.
- Your employees, retirees & their family members have additional options available: (1) they can pay their standard office visit copay and receive the flu shot from their physician, or (2) they can use one of the following websites to find a retail location that will accept their Anthem ID card: www.findaflushot.com (Maxim) or www.flushotsusa.com (Mollen). Both Maxim and Mollen will take care of billing Anthem, so there is no copay and no additional paperwork required.
- Remind your members to bring their Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield member ID cards to the flu clinic.
- More information is available at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site at www.cdc.gov.

We are also enclosing a poster describing the Best Doctors program offered by the MEA Benefits Trust. Best Doctors is a benefit enhancement available to our members. It provides a free record review by expert physicians when requested by members who have questions about their diagnoses or treatment. Please feel free to hang the poster where you feel it will get the most exposure for our MEABT Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield health plan members.

Please contact either of us if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



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