

November 2019

Public health emergency in the State of Florida for hepatitis A

Since 2018, there have been more than 22,000 cases of hepatitis A in the United States and more than 2,500 cases in Florida. On November 28, 2018, the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) issued a hepatitis A health advisory emphasizing awareness and prevention through vaccination.

The hepatitis A vaccine will be a covered benefit for at-risk Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. members enrolled in Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Managed Medical Assistance who are age 21 and over while the public health emergency is in effect. The vaccine will require prior authorization.

To be eligible to receive the vaccine at no cost, members must meet the following criteria:

1. Be over age 21 and at high risk for getting hepatitis A virus infection, such as:
 - Having direct contact with someone who has hepatitis A
 - Traveling to countries with high numbers of hepatitis A cases
 - Being a man who has sex with other men
 - Using or injecting drugs
 - Living in unstable housing or homeless
 - Having chronic or long-term liver disease, including:
 - Hepatitis B or C virus
 - Cirrhosis of the liver
 - Liver disease due to fatty liver (also called hepatic steatosis) or alcohol abuse
 - Autoimmune hepatitis
 - Alanine aminotransferase or aspartate aminotransferase level greater than twice the upper limit of normal or persistently elevated for six months
2. Be at increased risk of hepatitis A virus-associated complications due to:
 - An immune deficiency that they were born with or developed
 - HIV infection
 - Chronic renal failure/undergoing dialysis
 - Receiving a solid organ, bone marrow or stem cell transplants
 - Having iatrogenic immunosuppression (for example, diseases requiring treatment with immunosuppressive drugs/biologics like tumor necrosis factor alpha inhibitors), including long-term systemic corticosteroids and radiation therapy
3. Be an individual who is not able to develop a normal response to immunization

<https://provider.simplyhealthcareplans.com/florida-provider>

Simply Healthcare Plans, Inc. is a Managed Care Plan with a Florida Medicaid contract.
SFLPEC-1693-19 November 2019

The hepatitis A vaccine is covered through our network pharmacies. Members should check with their pharmacist or local county health department concerning the availability and administration of the vaccine.

Participating providers will be reimbursed for the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee of \$10 by billing for the administration — 90471 (first dose) and 90472 (second dose) — and the applicable procedure code below:

CPT® codes	Hepatitis A vaccine for 21-year-olds and older	Payment limit (21+)
90632	Hepatitis A adult injection into muscle	\$67.55

This benefit will be in effect during the Public Health Emergency period that the Florida Surgeon General and Florida Department of Health declared due to the current hepatitis A outbreak.

The vaccine is not covered for dual-eligible members enrolled in a Medicare Part D plan or dual-eligible members enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan that covers the hepatitis A vaccine as a benefit.

Prior authorization requirements. Effective January 1, 2020, prior authorization (PA) requirements will be required for CPT code 90632: Hepatitis A vaccine (HepA), adult dosage, for intramuscular use.

For services scheduled on or after January 1, 2020, physicians must contact Simply to obtain a PA for Hepatitis A vaccines. Providers are strongly encouraged to verify that a PA has been obtained before scheduling and performing services.

To request a PA, you may use one of the following methods:

- Web: <https://www.availity.com>
- Fax: 866-495-1981

Thank you for promoting the importance of hepatitis A prevention in your practice. Together we can help protect the public and minimize the impact on patients, their families and the community during this public health emergency.