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To Sue Peschin, Bob Blancato, Sally Greenberg and Colleagues:

We appreciate your interest and concern about the vaccine coverage for Medicare beneficiaries under Aetna and CVS Caremark. As one of the nation's largest pharmacy company in the country, we also believe in the critical role pharmacies and pharmacists play in protecting the health of seniors Americans.

We are committed to providing access to safe and effective vaccines for our members, and we comply with the guidance and requirements of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

We would like to share with you a summary of our vaccine coverage, based on our template formularies, which represent the most common formulary options for our Medicare Part D plans.

- All required Part D eligible vaccines, including all products in the CMS Formulary Reference File, are covered on our template formularies.
- All vaccines are placed in a low cost-sharing tier (tier 1) for both 2024 and 2025 plan years for all templates.
- There is no utilization management on the vaccines, except for an administrative prior authorization (Part B vs. Part D) to determine which part of the benefit to bill for specific vaccines.
- Influenza, COVID-19, and pneumococcal vaccines are covered under Part B (by statute) and are not represented on Medicare Part D formularies.
- Beginning January 1, 2023, the IRA requires \$0 beneficiary cost share for adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) under Medicare Part D for those beneficiaries that are 19 and older.
- For Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines, Abrysvo & Arexvy are covered on template formularies at tier 1 with no utilization management requirements at this time.
- The newly approved RSV vaccine mResvia is currently under formulary review and approval within the timelines established by CMS.
- Caremark's vaccine networks include 65,000 plus pharmacies. The vaccine network is composed of chains pharmacies, grocers, independent pharmacies and health system pharmacies providing members with a choice of where to get their vaccines and enabling easy and convenient access to care at their local pharmacy.

We hope this information clarifies our vaccine coverage for 2024. We do not anticipate any substantive changes to our coverage or availability of vaccines, and we will continue to follow the Medicare guidance in our bid submissions. We value your partnership and feedback, and we look forward to working with you to improve the health and well-being of Medicare beneficiaries.

Sincerely,

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