

What is Shingles?

- Shingles, also known as zoster or herpes zoster is a painful skin rash caused by the varicella zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox. If you've had chickenpox, you are at risk of getting shingles.
- The most common complication of shingles is severe pain where the shingles rash was. This pain can be debilitating. There is no treatment or cure.
- Shingles may also lead to serious complications involving the eye.
- Adults 60 years or older should talk to their healthcare professional about getting a one-time dose of the shingles vaccine.

How can I pay for Shingles Vaccine?

- Medicare Part B does not cover the shingles vaccine.
- Medicare part D plans cover the shingles vaccine, but there may be a cost to you depending on your plan. You will need to go to a pharmacy for the vaccine.
- Notify your healthcare provider of the date you received the vaccine.
- Medicaid may or may not cover the vaccine. Contact your insurer to find out.
- Most private health insurance plans cover the vaccine for people 60 years of age or older. Some plans cover the vaccine for people 50 through 59 years of age.
- Supplemental and Advantage Plans: You will need to call your insurance company (number on back of card) and ask if it is a covered benefit under your preventative coverage.

