

Coverage of Zostavax® (Zoster Vaccine Live) Changing Effective October 1, 2016

Beginning October 1, 2016, Medical Mutual is changing our coverage rules for Zostavax (Zoster Vaccine Live), which is used to prevent herpes zoster (shingles). The change applies to all non-grandfathered plans from Medical Mutual. We are making these changes to limit coverage to clinically appropriate use of this vaccine.

Please refer to the following coverage rules when offering Zostavax to your patients who are Medical Mutual members:

- For eligible members age 60 year and older, Medical Mutual will cover Zostavax at 100 percent as a preventive vaccine.
- For eligible members ages 50 to 59, we will cover Zostavax as medically necessary, but the vaccine will be subject to the member's deductible, coinsurance or copay.
- For eligible members under age 50, we will deny Zostavax as not covered.

We are also adding a once per lifetime limit for the vaccine.