



Preventive Care Covered Medications

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), commonly referred to as “health care reform,” was signed into law on March 23, 2010. This important legislation will result in changes to every American’s health care coverage, including coverage of preventive health care services and certain medications.

The law requires coverage of specific preventive medications for all plans, including self-insured or self-funded plans. Plans in existence prior to September 23, 2010, may qualify for “grandfathered” status, which would prevent the plan from having to comply with certain regulatory requirements.

The following medication coverage is required for all non-grandfathered plans as defined under the PPACA. Coverage of these medications is required with no co-payment, co-insurance, or deductible:

- **Aspirin:** All aspirin products for men and women of all ages.
- **Bowel preparation kits:** All bowel preparation kits for men and women 50 to 85 years of age. Limited to one fill per year.
- **Contraceptives:** All forms must be covered: oral, diaphragms, jelly, foams, implantable, etc.
- **Folic acid:** Folic acid 400 mcg and 800 mcg supplements for girls/women, 10 to 55 years of age.
- **Smoking cessation:** All prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) products covered for 90 days per year.
- **Statins:** Low to moderate dose statins for men and women 40 to 75 years of age.

In addition, PPACA provides specified coverage for immunizations. If a plan is covering these immunizations as a pharmacy benefit, these would be included in the pharmacy benefit design for no co-payment, co-insurance, or deductible as well. Specific doses and ages follow current medical immunization guidelines and are not programmed for pharmacy benefits.

Adults and Children	Children Only
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis	Haemophilus Influenz TypeB
Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B	Inactivated Poliovirus
Human Papillomavirus	Rotavirus
Influenza	
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella	
Meningococcal	
Pneumococcal	
Varicella	

Adults Only
Herpes Zoster