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## Remind Your Patients to Get the Flu Vaccine

Dear providers,

**It's flu season—and time to remind your patients to get vaccinated against the flu.** When you see your patients, ask if they have gotten the flu vaccine this season. If they haven't, encourage them by sharing that the flu vaccine helps protect them and their loved ones from getting sick and having to miss days from work or school. It can also help protect them from flu complications that can be life-threatening.

**Primary care providers (PCPs) participating in the Health Plan of San Mateo's (HPSM) Benchmark Pay-for-Performance Program can earn bonus payments for administering the seasonal flu vaccine.** To learn more, please visit our website: <https://www.hpsm.org/provider/incentive-payments>

During the visit, make sure to also encourage your patients to get any other vaccines that are due. For example, a new COVID-19 vaccine was released in September, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone six months and older get the updated vaccine. Patients 19 years or older can also get the flu vaccine or COVID-19 booster by visiting their local pharmacy and showing their HPSM Member ID.

Please direct questions to HPSM Provider Services at [PSInquiries@hpsm.org](mailto:PSInquiries@hpsm.org).

Thank you for your continued commitment to our community,

The Health Plan of San Mateo