

ABOUT 2013 FLU SHOT PROGRAM

Can spouses and dependents get their flu shots at worksite events?

The Wellness Program suggests a public flu clinic offered by Healthwaves or one of the designated family days as an alternative to the worksites. Benefit Options Wellness cannot say whether spouses and dependents are allowed in worksites, due to variance in security/access issues. Spouse and/or dependent attendance is at the discretion of the event contacts. Remember, only spouses and dependents age 4 and over who are on the Benefit Options insurance plan are eligible for free flu shots.

How do non-eligible employees, spouses and dependents (age 4 and over) pay for their flu shot?

Any non-eligible person who wants to receive their flu shot should bring \$30 cash or check (payable to Healthwaves) to a flu clinic. Non-eligible individuals include: temporary and contracted employees (including clerical pool), volunteers, employees who work under 20 hours, and spouses/dependents who are NOT on Benefit Options insurance. These individuals can get a flu shot at any valid location by bringing \$30 cash or check (payable to Healthwaves).

What does “Benefit Options insurance” mean? Benefit Options is the State of Arizona’s benefits program for employees. There are many options under this program such as medical, dental, and vision coverage. Employees must bring their Benefit Options insurance card and State badge or photo ID to the flu shot events. All medical insurance cards (whether for an EPO or PPO plan) have a Benefit Options logo. Dependents will also need to bring their Benefit Options insurance card and photo ID to flu clinic locations.

Will the worksite schedule be changed or updated?

Yes, the worksite schedule posted on the Benefit Options Wellness website is subject to change as some events may need to be rescheduled. The list will be updated as often as needed. It is for this reason that we discourage people from printing the schedule. If you do print the schedule, be sure to check the schedule again prior to going to a worksite event.

Will Benefit Options Wellness be offering an alternative nasal vaccine?

The 2013 Benefit Options Wellness flu clinics will only have available flu vaccines in the form of the traditional shot. If the nasal vaccine is preferred, employees and their dependents will need to work with their PCP to obtain this type of flu vaccine.