



# SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU Home Health Policy Manual

**Title:** Home Health Policy 509  
**Section:** Eligible Services  
**Subject:** Drugs and Treatments  
**Reference:** ARM 37.40.702, 42 CFR 484.18

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## DRUGS AND TREATMENTS

Drugs and treatments are administered by agency staff only as ordered by the physician with the exception of influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines, which may be administered per Home Health agency policy, developed in consultation with a physician, and after an assessment for contraindications.

Verbal orders are put in writing, signed and dated with the date of receipt by the registered nurse or qualified therapist responsible for furnishing or supervising the ordered services.

Verbal orders are only accepted by personnel authorized to do so by applicable State and Federal laws and regulations as well as the Home Health agency internal policy.

## REIMBURSEMENT FOR VACCINES AND INJECTION ADMINISTRATION

Influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines may be administered for a member who is **already** receiving Home Health services during a **scheduled visit**. No special visit is allowed to administer the injection.

The Medicaid Home Health benefit does **not** cover the cost of serum. Serum must be billed through a participating pharmacy. Medicaid covers influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines administered in physician's offices, clinic, public health facility, outpatient hospital, etc.