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## **Memorandum**

**Date:** September 19, 2008

**To:** Alliance Providers

**From:** Provider Services Department

**Re:** NEW MEDI-CAL BENEFIT: HERPES ZOSTER VACCINE FOR OLDER ADULTS, CPT-4 CODE 90736 (ZOSTER [SHINGLES] VACCINE, LIVE, FOR SUBCUTANEOUS INJECTION)

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### **Effective July 01, 2008:**

Medi-Cal has added the zoster vaccine (90736) as a benefit for adults age 60 or older. The Alliance will cover this benefit for Medi-Cal and IHSS members, ages 60 to 65. Alliance members with Medicare part D should refer to their Medicare part D Plan for benefits. Medicare part D covers this benefit through the pharmacy program.

The vaccine is restricted to administration once in a lifetime per recipient. Zostavax® should not be administered to children, pregnant women, people with active tuberculosis, or those who are receiving immunosuppressive therapy.

Please call your Provider Services Representative if you have any questions.