National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in **August** to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages.

Did you know about 1 million Americans go to the hospital with pneumonia every year? Pneumonia is a lung infection caused by pneumococcal disease, which can also cause blood infections and meningitis.

PNEUMOCOCCAL SHOTS

How often is it covered?

The pneumococcal shot is the best way to help prevent certain types of pneumonia and other pneumococcal infections. Medicare Part B covers the initial shot, plus a second shot (a year after you've gotten the initial shot). Talk with your doctor to see if you need one or both shots.

Who's eligible?

All people with Part B are covered.

Your costs in Original Medicare

You pay nothing for pneumococcal shots if your doctor or other qualified health care provider accepts assignment.

Wondering about other vaccines covered under Medicare? Watch this short video to learn more. Your doctor can help you figure out which shots are right for you.

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