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Health Department to offer Shingles Vaccine

For a limited time, District Health Department #4 is offering the shingles vaccine. Vaccines will be given on first come first serve basis. There will be a \$10 administration fee.

The vaccine is available to individuals 60 years of age or older. The following requirements must also be met:

- You do not have insurance that covers the cost of the vaccine;
- Medicare part D plan does not cover this vaccine (you can check by calling 1-800-medicare to check with your Medicare plan);
- You health care provider does not administer the vaccine;
- There is not a pharmacy in your area that administers the vaccine

Shingles is a very painful skin rash, often with blisters. Shingles is caused by the Varicella Zoster virus, the same virus that causes chicken pox. Only someone who has had a case of chicken pox- or gotten chicken pox vaccine-can get shingles. The virus stays in your body. It can reappear many years later to cause a case of shingles. It is most common in people 60 and older.

If you meet these requirements please call District Health Department #4: Cheboygan 231-627-8850 or Alpena 989-356-4507 or 1-800-221-0294 for more information.

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