

**Toms River home page web site announcement and email message from district to plan members:**

Integrity Health is pleased to announce that beginning February 1, 2015 the shingles vaccine will be available at PHC for health center patients.

An appointment with a health center doctor is necessary to receive the vaccine. The doctor's appointment and the administration of the vaccine can be done easily in one visit, although the appointment may run longer than usual to allow time to prepare the vaccine.

This vaccine is covered by the district's medical plans. Integrity Health is extending this convenience because doctors currently do not stock this high-cost vaccine and instead ask members to use pharmacies for their services. A few pharmacy chains have the capability of billing medical insurance plans (the prescription plans do not cover the vaccine), but most pharmacies ask members to pay the bill and then submit for reimbursement.

If members wish, of course, they may continue to use their pharmacy, pay for the vaccine and seek reimbursement from the plan.