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## **Pneumonia Immunizations for Adults**

### **Livingston County Health Center to offer Pneumonia Vaccinations at Cost, Also Billed to Medicare**

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011: Livingston County Health Center will now be administering pneumonia vaccinations. The health center will bill Medicare for vaccinations and those not on Medicare will be asked to pay a \$50 fee to cover vaccine at the time of their appointment. Vaccine will be ordered after enough requests are received, and then clients will be called in to be vaccinated.

There are two main kinds of pneumonia--viral pneumonia and bacterial pneumonia. Bacterial pneumonia is more serious. One kind of bacteria causes pneumococcal pneumonia.

People age 65 and older are at high risk for developing pneumococcal pneumonia. They are two to three times more likely to get pneumococcal infections, which are a common cause of hospitalization and death.

Most people need to get vaccinated only once, at 65 or older. Those with certain chronic medical conditions may need more than one dose in a lifetime. Consult your healthcare provider to determine your level of risk for this infection and need for this vaccine.

For more information, call our office at 646-5506.

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