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Frustrated By Flu Vaccine Shortage? Try Antiviral Meds

In the wake of recent flu vaccine shortages, a new Medicare demonstration project will cover antiviral medications for beneficiaries, especially ones who lack drug coverage. Each beneficiary can fill two prescriptions of amantadine, rimantadine, oseltamivir or zanamivir at a Medicare-participating pharmacy. Medicare insists that adequate supplies of flu vaccine are now available, and the vaccine is the best defense against the flu.