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To: Pharmacists
Managed Care Organizations

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Subject: Prescription Drug Program: Reimbursement for Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Administrations

Retroactive to dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, pharmacists who administer a flu or pneumonia vaccine to eligible clients may bill the Health Care Authority/Medicaid (the Agency) for vaccines and vaccine administration fees as described in this memo.

When Does the Agency Pay Pharmacists for Administering Immunizations?

To be paid for administering immunizations to Agency clients, pharmacists must have an immunization collaborative practice protocol on file with the Board of Pharmacy.

How Do I Bill the Agency for a Vaccine Administration?

When billing the Agency for the flu or pneumonia vaccine administration, use one of the following Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes:

HCPCS Code	Description
G0008	Administration of influenza virus vaccine
G0009	Administration of pneumococcal vaccine

Rate updates for HCPCS codes G0008 and G0009 are reflected under Current Procedural Terminology® (CPT) code 90471 on the *Physician-Related Services Fee Schedule*.

The Agency pays for administration codes only when billed with place of service 01 (pharmacy).

Coverage Changes

Effective for dates of services on and after July 1, 2011, the Agency will make the following coverage changes for vaccines:

- Change the following procedure codes from *covered* to *free from Department of Health*

Code	Description	Comments
90647	Hib vaccine prp-omp im	Free from DOH, 0-18 years of age
90743	Hep b vacc adol 2 dose im	Free from DOH, 0-18 years of age

- Change the following procedure codes from *noncovered* to *covered*:

Code	Description	Comments
90650	Hpv vaccine 2 valent im	Free from DOH, 0-18 years of age
90657	Flu vaccine 3 yrs im	Free from DOH, 0-18 years of age
90681	Rotavirus vacc 2 dose oral	Free from DOH, 0-18 years of age
90696	Dtap-ipv vacc 4-6 yr im	Free from DOH, 0-18 years of age
90748	Hep b/hib vaccine im	Free from DOH, 0-18 years of age

Additional Limits and Clarifications.

Effective for dates of services on and after July 1, 2011, the Agency will make the following coverage changes, limitations and clarifications:

- Change the following procedure codes from *noncovered* to *covered without PA* or EPA: Use these for clients 19 years of age and older only. Refer to the EPSDT Billing Instructions for clients 18 years of age and younger.

Code	Description	Comments
Q2035	Afluria vacc, 3 yrs & >, im	clients 19 years of age and older
Q2036	Flulaval vacc, 3 yrs & >, im	clients 19 years of age and older
Q2037	Fluvirin vacc, 3 yrs & >, im	clients 19 years of age and older
Q2038	Fluzone vacc, 3 yrs & >, im	clients 19 years of age and older
Q2039	NOS flu vacc, 3 yrs & >, im	clients 19 years of age and older

Bill the Agency for the vaccine administration using an approved HIPAA-compliant (837-P), Direct Data Entry (DDE) professional or paper CMS-1500 claim form.

Note: The Agency encourages providers to bill electronically for the most efficient distribution of payment. Bill the Agency using your National Provider Identification (NPI) number in the appropriate field on the claim.

Continue to bill through the Point-of-Sale (POS) system using national drug codes (NDCs) for flu and pneumonia vaccines for clients 19 years of age and older.

Note: The Agency *does not* reimburse for *drugs* available at no charge from the Department of Health (DOH) through the Vaccines for Children Program. The Agency pays providers **only** for the administration *fees* when the vaccines are available at no cost from the Department of Health (DOH) through the Universal Vaccine Distribution program and the Federal Vaccines for Children program for children 0-18 years of age.

Note: Managed care plans are responsible for immunizations for their enrollees.

How Can I Get the Agency Provider Documents?

To download and print the Agency provider numbered memos and billing instructions, go to the Agency website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov> (click the ***Billing Instructions and Numbered Memorandum*** link).