

Bulletin: MSA 09-52

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Subject: Pharmacy Vaccine Administration Reimbursement

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Programs Affected: Medicaid, Adult Benefits Waiver (ABW), Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), and Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (MOMS)

In an effort to improve access to the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will begin reimbursing eligible pharmacists to administer this vaccine to Medicaid, ABW, MOMS, and CSHCS beneficiaries. This bulletin is effective for dates of service on and after September 30, 2009.

1. MDCH Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement Information

The 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine will be covered when given according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. The vaccine is expected to be available in October 2009.

The 2009 influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine is being procured and purchased by the federal government; therefore, it will be made available to Medicaid providers at no cost. Medicaid will not provide a dispensing fee or reimburse pharmacies for the free vaccine. Pharmacies may bill and receive reimbursement for the administration fee.

2. Pharmacists Eligible to Administer Vaccinations

Pharmacists must be in compliance with State of Michigan rules and regulations, have received the appropriate training for vaccine administration, and have a letter of delegation from a physician to be eligible to administer vaccines under this policy. This information must be available upon request in the event of a post-payment audit.

Should pharmacies have additional questions regarding State of Michigan rules and regulations, please refer to the Bureau of Health Professions website at www.michigan.gov/healthlicense.

3. Pharmacy Billing Procedures

To receive reimbursement for the vaccine administration, pharmacies must submit claims through MDCH's contracted pharmacy benefits manager (PBM), First Health Services Corporation. Providers can visit the First Health Michigan website for more information about enrolling as a pharmacy provider and relevant policy and claim processing manuals at <http://michigan.fhsc.com>.

Pharmacies may submit a claim for the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine administration for the Medicaid, MOMS, CSHCS and ABW beneficiaries. MDCH will allow administration fees of \$7.00 for the injectable vaccine and \$3.00 for the intranasal vaccine.

The pharmacy billing and claims submission requirements for the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine administration include the following:

- The pharmacy must submit the National Drug Code (NDC) for the product administered.
- To indicate the claim is being submitted for the administration of a vaccine, the pharmacy must include the Drug Utilization Review (DUR)/Professional Pharmacy Services (PPS) segment with a value of 1 in the DUR/PPS Code Counter (National Council for Prescription Drug Programs [NCPDP] Field 473-7E) and a value of MA (medication administered) for the Professional Service Code (NCPDP Field 440-E5).
- There is no drug cost or dispensing fee allowed for the administration of the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine; therefore, the pharmacy provider should submit a \$0.00 Ingredient Cost (NCPDP Field 409-D9) and \$0.00 Dispensing Fee (NCPDP Field 412-DC).
- The pharmacy should submit the \$7.00 or \$3.00 allowed administrative fee in the Incentive Fee Submitted (NCPDP Field 438-E3) of the Pricing Segment depending on whether the vaccine was an injection or nasal spray.
- Although it is not currently a claim submission requirement, the pharmacy must develop an appropriate mechanism for purposes of properly documenting the identification of the administering pharmacist. The proper accreditation of administering pharmacists is subject to audit.
- MDCH should only be billed once for the vaccine administration. Either a pharmacy or physician can bill for the vaccine administration, but not both. There are no co-pays for the vaccine administration.

4. Pharmacies Billing Medicaid Health Plans and County Health Plans

If a pharmacy administers the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine to a Medicaid Health Plan or a ABW County Health Plan beneficiary and does not have a mechanism to bill the health plan, the pharmacy may submit their claim directly to MDCH for payment.

5. New 2009 Physician Procedure Codes Covered by MDCH

G9141 – Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (recommended for Medicare billing)

G9142 – Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, any route of administration (recommended for Medicare billing)

90470 – H1N1 immunization administration (intramuscular, intranasal), including counseling when performed

Extended coverage for CPT Code Covered by MDCH

90663 – Influenza virus vaccine, pandemic formulation

6. MDCH Division of Immunization Information for the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Monovalent Vaccine

Immunization Enrollment in the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccination Program

In accordance with Michigan's 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Program, providers who administer 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine must be enrolled in the 2009 Influenza H1N1 Vaccine Program with a local health department and enroll as a provider of the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR). Information on this enrollment can be found at www.michigan.gov/flu >> Novel H1N1 >> Clinicians >> Information for Providers Interested in the H1N1 program. If you have additional questions on enrollment into the program, contact your Local Health Department (LHD). A directory of the LHDs can be found at www.michigan.gov/mdch >> Resources for Local Health Department Administrators >> LHD Contact Information.

7. 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Web Resources

- State of Michigan's flu website: www.michigan.gov/flu
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services flu website: www.flu.gov

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments in writing to:

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If responding by e-mail, please include "Pharmacy Vaccine Administration Reimbursement" in the subject line.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

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