

Bulletin: MSA 10-30

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Subject: Pharmacy Vaccine Administration Reimbursement for Seasonal Influenza Administration

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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 seasonal influenza vaccine for adults aged 19 years and older, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will reimburse eligible pharmacists for the administration of this vaccine to Medicaid, ABW, MOMS, and CSHCS beneficiaries. This bulletin is effective for dates of service on and after September 1, 2010.

1. MDCH Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement Information

Pharmacist administration of the seasonal influenza vaccine will be covered for adults aged 19 years and older when given according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program provides VFC seasonal flu vaccines to persons who are through 18 years of age.

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. Section 9204 of the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.9204, authorizes health professionals other than physicians to administer an immunizing agent as long as the agent is being administered under the direction of a physician. Standing orders are required from a Michigan-licensed physician who is responsible for the clinical practice of the vaccine operations.

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 seasonal influenza vaccine administration, pharmacies must submit claims through MDCH's contracted pharmacy benefits manager (PBM), Magellan Medicaid Administration, Inc. (MMA, Inc.) (formerly First Health Services Corporation). Providers can visit the MMA, Inc. website for more information about enrolling as a pharmacy provider; relevant policy and claim processing manuals can be found at michigan.fhsc.com. Pharmacies may submit a claim for the seasonal influenza vaccine and its administration for Medicaid, ABW, MOMS, and CSHCS 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 seasonal influenza 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 seasonal influenza 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 dispensing fee allowed for the administration of the seasonal influenza vaccine; therefore, the pharmacy provider should submit \$0.00 Dispensing Fee (NCPDP Field 412-DC).
- MDCH will allow pharmacies to bill for the cost of the seasonal influenza vaccine; pharmacy providers should submit the appropriate ingredient costs in (NCPDP Field 409-D9). The ingredient costs are as follows:
 - Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for intramuscular use \$11.37
 - Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, for intramuscular use \$12.54
 - Influenza virus vaccine, live, for intranasal use \$22.32
- 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. Co-payments for seasonal influenza vaccine administration services do not apply.

MDCH strongly recommends that all doses of seasonal flu vaccine be entered into the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR).

Section 9206 of the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.9206, requires immunization providers to give a record of the vaccines administered to the vaccinee. This certificate should be in a form approved by MDCH. An official immunization record may also be printed from MCIR.

Federal law requires that Vaccine Information Statements be handed out whenever vaccinations are given.

4. Pharmacies Billing Medicaid Health Plans and County Health Plans

If a beneficiary is enrolled in a Managed Health Plan or County Health Plan, the health plan will be responsible for coverage of the seasonal influenza vaccine ingredient cost and administration.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until applicable 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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