

**PROVIDER BULLETIN****No. 05-30**

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TO: Physicians and Mid-Level Practitioners participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program.

FROM: Mary Steiner
Medicaid AdministratorChris Wright, MD
Medical Director, Nebraska MedicaidRE: Medicaid Coverage of Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (**MCV4**) & Tetanus, Diphtheria, Acellular Pertussis Vaccine (**Tdap**)**Please share this information with administrative, clinical and billing staff.**

- I. **Beginning October 1, 2005**, MCV4 (Menactra) and Tdap vaccines will be available through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. If you are not currently a VFC provider, you are encouraged to become a provider now. Medicaid is unable to reimburse for private stock vaccines when they are available through VFC. For questions about the VFC Program, please call 1-800-798-1696 for further information.
- II. **Beginning December 1, 2005**, Medicaid will not reimburse for private stock for MCV4 when administered to VFC eligible children age 18 and under. Any VFC doses given on or after December 1 may be submitted to Medicaid for reimbursement of the administration fee. **NOTE:** Medicaid does not cover Tdap private stock for any date of service.

Medicaid covers immunizations following the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) official recommendations. The ACIP recommendations for Tdap are provisional until final guidance is published in the MMWR. Please watch for updates.

- A. **MCV4 (Menactra):** Medicaid coverage is available only for administration fees for this VFC vaccine for adolescents under the following conditions:
 - Students entering middle school (7th grade) at the routine adolescent visit; (~11 and 12 years olds)
 - Students entering high school (9th grade) who have not been previously vaccinated; (~15 year olds); and
 - College freshman living in dormitories who have not been previously vaccinated (up to age 18 years)**.

** College freshman living in dormitories age 19 and up will be covered for private stock vaccine since VFC is not available.

Public Immunization Clinics will have Menactra only for VFC eligible children entering into middle school (7th grade) and college freshman living in dormitories. However, private providers may obtain VFC doses for their practices for all three groups listed above for ages 11 to 18 years.

Billing Medicaid: The procedure code and modifier for billing administration of VFC supplied **MCV4** is **90734 SL**.

B. Tdap (Boostrix and Adacel): Medicaid coverage is available only for administration fees for Tdap for adolescents aged 11-18 years*** under the following conditions:

- Tdap should be given in place of the Td booster currently given to adolescents age 11-18 years;
- Tdap is recommended for one dose as a booster after at least 5 years since the last tetanus containing vaccine;
- If an adolescent has never had any tetanus containing vaccine, s/he should receive one dose of Tdap and the rest of the doses as Td.

***ACIP did not make a recommendation for use of Tdap for adults aged 19 years and older.

Billing Medicaid: The procedure code and modifier for billing administration of VFC supplied Tdap is **90715 SL**.

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