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

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RE: MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR HEPATITIS A VACCINE and MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA, AND VARICELLA (MMRV) VACCINE.

*Please share this information with administrative, clinical and billing staff.*

**Hepatitis A Vaccine**

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has issued the recommended childhood immunization schedule for 2006. The 2006 schedule reflects the following change:

- ▶ Hepatitis A vaccine is now recommended for universal administration to all infants 12 to 23 months of age, with a second dose six months later. The 2 doses in the series should be administered at least 6 months apart.

Beginning January 3, 2006, Medicaid will reimburse for the Hepatitis A vaccine for all Medicaid eligible infants 12 to 23 months of age.

Medicaid coverage of the Hepatitis A vaccine for individuals age 2 and over requires medical necessity.

**Billing and Reimbursement:**

The procedure code for Hepatitis A vaccine (Havrix®, Vaqta®) is 90633. An administration fee and office visit, as appropriate, may also be billed.

January 3, 2006, through February 28, 2006, Medicaid reimbursement will be the lesser of the vaccine purchase price or the Medicaid maximum allowable of \$33.62.

Beginning March 1, 2006, Medicaid will reimburse only for the administration of this vaccine. Hepatitis A vaccine is available through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program and may be ordered immediately. When billing for the administration of a VFC vaccine, the SL modifier should be used with the appropriate CPT code. Enter only the charges for vaccine administration when submitting a claim for VFC vaccine.

## **Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella Combination Vaccine (MMRV)**

MMRV, brand name ProQuad®, has been recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for the vaccination of children age 12 months to 12 years.

### **Billing and Reimbursement:**

MMRV is available through the VFC Program and may be ordered immediately. VFC vaccines should be billed using the appropriate procedure code with a SL modifier. Enter only the charges for vaccine administration when submitting a claim for VFC vaccine.

The procedure code for billing MMRV vaccine is 90710.

If you are not currently a VFC provider, we encourage you to become a provider now. Medicaid is unable to reimburse for private stock vaccines when they are available through VFC.

To become a VFC provider or to request more information, please call 1-800-798-1696.

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