

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Physicians, Hospitals, Home Health Agencies, and Pharmacies participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

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RE: Seasonal Influenza Vaccine 2013/2014 Update

THE INFORMATION IN THIS BULLETIN SUPERCEDES PREVIOUS INFLUENZA VACCINE PROVIDER BULLETINS

Routine annual influenza vaccination is recommended for all persons aged 6 months or older by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) 2013-14 recommendations.

It is expected the adult influenza immunizations will be given with the most cost effective, standard vaccine. However, preservative free and nasal vaccines may be given to adults who have a medical need for one of these preparations versus the injectable preparation containing a preservative. Prior authorization will not be required.

Payment for influenza vaccine for Nebraska Medicaid clients is available pursuant to the pharmaceutical care agreement, or a written order.

Clients eligible under the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program:

- Pregnant women age 18 and younger
- Infants/children 6 months thru 18 years of age.
- Additional information may be found at:
http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Pages/immunization_vfc.aspx

Medicaid is **unable to reimburse providers for private stock vaccine** when it is available free of charge through the VFC program.

BILLING INSTRUCTIONS

For VFC vaccines:

1. Medicaid pays only for the administration of vaccines available to providers through the VFC program.
2. Use the vaccine CPT code with an SL modifier for administration.

For Provider Stock Vaccines:

1. Use only for clients over the age of 18.
2. Use an appropriate, applicable ICD-9 diagnosis code.
3. Claims must be billed in a manner consistent with good coding practices and
4. The National Correct Coding Initiative.
5. Use CPT code 90654 for the intradermal form of influenza vaccine.
6. As with any other service, Medicaid is the payer of last resort. Medicare or other
7. Third party payers must be billed first and the EOB from that payer is to be attached to a Medicaid claim form.

Pharmacies can bill the point of sale vendor for eligible clients 19 and over who are not Medicare eligible.

Influenza vaccine may also be administered to adult patients at pharmacies following their protocol if the Pharmacist is willing to do so.

1. All program policies and procedures outlined in this bulletin still apply when flu vaccine is administered at a pharmacy.

Influenza vaccine may be administered by home health care providers during the course of a scheduled Home Health service visit which is authorized through Qualis Health.

Nebraska Medicaid does not pay for:

- Medicare eligible;
- Children/infants 6 months thru 18 years of age;

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