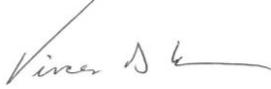




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SUBJECT Addition to the Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule for Administration of Quadrivalent Influenza Vaccine		BY  Vincent D. Gordon, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform Medical Assistance (MA) providers that the Department of Human Services (Department) is adding procedure code 90687 for the administration of quadrivalent influenza vaccine, with preservative, such as Fluzone® Quadrivalent, for children 6 through 35 months of age effective for dates of service on and after February 9, 2015.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all physicians, certified registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, outpatient hospitals and independent medical surgical clinics enrolled in the MA Program who administer immunizations to MA beneficiaries in the MA Fee-For-Service delivery system, and the MA Managed Care delivery system. Providers rendering services to MA beneficiaries under the MA Managed Care delivery system should address any coding or rate-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization (MCO).

BACKGROUND:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that all persons six months of age and older should be vaccinated against influenza disease. The FDA has approved the use of quadrivalent vaccines that include two strains of Type A influenza and two strains of Type B influenza, to help protect against influenza disease.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll free number for your provider type

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs Web site at
<http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/provider/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm>

MA providers may currently submit claims for payment of the administration of FDA approved quadrivalent influenza vaccines using the following CPT codes:

CPT Code	Description
90672	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, live, for intranasal use (FluMist® Quadrivalent)
90685	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use (Fluzone® Quadrivalent)
90686	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (Fluarix® Quadrivalent)
90688	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (FluLaval® Quadrivalent)

DISCUSSION:

The Department is updating the MA Program Fee Schedule by adding procedure code 90687 that provides for payment for the administration of quadrivalent influenza virus vaccine, containing a preservative, for MA beneficiaries 6 through 35 months of age. On December 12, 2013, the FDA approved a formulation of Fluzone® Quadrivalent containing a preservative for individuals 6 months of age and older. On August 10, 2014, the Department added Fluzone® Quadrivalent vaccine, containing a preservative, for individuals 6 months of age and older, to the MA Program Drug Fee Schedule.

Vaccines approved for use for the current influenza season are listed on the Department's MA Program Drug Fee Schedule. The Department will continue to pay for the seasonal influenza vaccine for children under 19 years of age, when influenza vaccines are not available through the Pennsylvania Department of Health's (DOH) Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Providers should not bill the MA Program for the influenza vaccine when it is available from the VFC Program.

The Department encourages all providers who administer vaccines to children to enroll in the VFC Program. Providers who wish to enroll may do so by calling the DOH's VFC Program office at 888-646-6864.

PROCEDURE:

Effective for dates of service on and after February 9, 2015, MA providers should bill the Department using CPT code 90687, influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use (Fluzone® Quadrivalent).

For dates of service prior to February 9, 2015, providers should bill the Department using CPT code 90749 (unlisted vaccine/toxoid) for the administration of Fluzone® Quadrivalent vaccine with a preservative to MA beneficiaries 6 through 35 months of age. The MA fee for the administration of each vaccine is \$10.00 per administration.

Attached is the “Addition to the Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule: Procedure Code for the Administration of a Vaccine, Effective for dates of service on and after February 9, 2015”. The document identifies the procedure code, national code description, provider type, provider specialty, place of service, pricing modifier(s), informational modifier(s), MA fee, and applicable requirements for prior authorization or fee limits for the procedure codes discussed in this MA Bulletin. The MA Program Fee Schedule has been updated to reflect this addition. Providers may access the on-line version of the MA Program Fee Schedule under the Department’s website at:

http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/publications/forproviders/schedules/mafeeschedules/S_001967

MA providers may bill the Department for the Fluzone® Quadrivalent vaccine for MA eligible beneficiaries by indicating, on the claim submission, the appropriate National Drug Code and the units dispensed for the vaccine. Providers may access the online version of the MA Drug Fee Schedule under the Department’s website at:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/publications/forproviders/schedules/drugfeeschedule/index.htm>.

ATTACHMENT:

Addition to the Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule: Procedure Code for Administration of a Vaccine, Effective for dates of service on and after February 9, 2015