



Medicaid Payment for Influenza Vaccine Administration at the Pharmacy

Medicaid is announcing a new policy to pay pharmacies for administration of both H1N1 pandemic and seasonal influenza vaccine for dates of service October 1, 2009, through May 31, 2010. Payment for influenza vaccine administration will be made to pharmacies only for Medicaid consumers who do not reside in long-term care facility (LTCF).

Reimbursement for the H1N1 pandemic influenza vaccine will be limited to an administration fee of no more than \$10.00. The H1N1 pandemic influenza vaccine is supplied by the Ohio Department of Health at no cost to the provider, so no reimbursement will be made for the vaccine itself. Reimbursement for the seasonal influenza vaccine will include product cost and an administration fee of no more than \$10.00. No dispensing fee will be paid when the administration fee is billed. Influenza vaccine may be dispensed to LTCF residents for administration by LTCF staff. Claims for influenza vaccine dispensed to residents of LTCFs are eligible for a dispensing fee of \$0.50.

To bill for the administration fee, pharmacies should submit the following information as part of the claim submitted to the ODJFS point-of-sale claims vendor, using the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) 5.1 claim format:

Field Number	Field Name	Value	Comment
111-AM	Segment Identification	08	DUR/PPS Segment
473-7E	DUR/PPS Code Counter	1	Number of occurrences
440-E5	Professional Service Code	MA	Medication Administered
111-AM	Segment Identification	11	Pricing Segment
438-E8	Incentive Amount Submitted	U&C	Usual and customary amount for vaccine administration

The administration fee paid to the pharmacy will populate in the claim response pricing segment 521-FL "Incentive Fee Paid."

Please be reminded that although managed care plans (MCPs) that serve Ohio Medicaid consumers may cover influenza immunizations, MCPs may have policies and billing requirements that are different from the fee-for-service policy described in this notice. Please see <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ohp/bmhc/> for information about Medicaid MCPs.