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SUBJECT Billing for the Administration of the Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine		BY  Michael Nardone, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform Medical Assistance (MA) providers of the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code to be used to bill the MA Program for the administration of the Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent vaccine.

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 Fee-for-Service (FFS) delivery system, including ACCESS Plus, who administer vaccines to MA recipients. Providers rendering services to MA recipients under the MA managed care delivery systems should address any coding or rate-related questions to the appropriate managed care organization (MCO).

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Resources

On September 24, 2009, the Department of Public Welfare (Department) issued MA Bulletin 01-09-41, et. al., "Available Resources: 2009 Novel Influenza Virus A (H1N1)" which provided background and resource information on the H1N1 virus and addressed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendations, target groups and specific populations that should receive the H1N1 vaccine. The MA Bulletin is available at:
<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PubsFormsReports/NewslettersBulletins/003673169.aspx>.

Since the issuance of MA Bulletin 01-09-41, et. al., the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) created an additional H1N1 website, <http://h1n1inpa.com/>. This new website provides additional information for both the public and medical providers and addresses specific information on the H1N1 virus, how to obtain the H1N1 vaccine, frequently asked questions, symptoms of the disease, and how to care for sick family members. The website also provides downloadable educational flyers and posters, and includes links to other resources.

<p>COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:</p> <p>The Appropriate toll-free number for your Provider Type.</p> <p>Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs Web site at www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders</p>

The Department has also created the following new link for Department providers and consumers related to the H1N1 virus: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/H1N1/>. This website contains links to the most up-to-date resource information from the CDC and Pennsylvania DOH; and MA policy and operational updates related to the H1N1 virus. MA providers are encouraged to include this website as an additional resource for the most up-to-date information about the Department's specific communications related to the H1N1 virus.

Vaccine Information

On September 15, 2009, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced approval of vaccines for the H1N1 virus manufactured by CSL Limited, MedImmune LLC, Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics Limited, and Sanofi Pasteur Inc. The CDC does not expect that there will be a shortage of the H1N1 vaccines, but availability and demand can be unpredictable.

The CDC is supplying each State, at no cost, the H1N1 vaccines along with items such as needles, syringes, sharps containers, and alcohol swabs directly to providers who are registered with the Pennsylvania DOH and Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) to administer the H1N1 vaccines. Due to special funding made available from the CDC, the H1N1 vaccines are not anticipated to be added to the list of vaccines recommended by the CDC's ACIP for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. The Pennsylvania DOH, Division of Immunizations (including the Pennsylvania VFC Program) and the PDPH Immunization Program are working with the CDC and leading authorities on program implementation and vaccine distribution.

Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine is an inactivated influenza virus vaccine approved by the FDA as indicated for active immunization against influenza disease caused by the H1N1 virus. The following are vaccine manufacturers and indicated ages approved by the FDA for the use of the H1N1 vaccine:

Vaccine Manufacturer	Indicated Ages
CLS Limited	18 years of age and older
Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics Limited	4 years of age and older
Sanofi Pasteur, Inc	6 months of age and older

Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine Live, Intranasal, produced by MedImmune and approved by the FDA, is indicated for the active immunization of individuals 2-49 years of age against influenza disease caused by the H1N1 virus.

PROCEDURE:

Effective for dates of service on and after October 5, 2009, providers may bill the Department for the administration of H1N1 vaccines consistent with the indicated use of H1N1 vaccines as approved by the FDA and the current ACIP recommendations using the following CPT code.

CPT Code	Description	MA Fee
90470	H1N1 immunization administration (intramuscular, intranasal), including counseling when performed	\$10.00

Providers must use CPT code 90470 to indicate the administration of the H1N1 vaccine.

Attached is the “Addition to the Medical Assistance Program Outpatient Fee Schedule: Procedure Code for the Administration of the Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine, effective October 5, 2009”. 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 whether there are requirements for prior authorization or fee limits for the procedure code discussed in this MA bulletin. The MA Program Outpatient Fee Schedule has been updated to reflect this change. Providers may access the on-line version of the fee schedule under the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/MedicalAssistance/Schedules/003675750.aspx>.

The MA fee for the administration of each of the vaccines is \$10.00 per administration. Providers participating in an MA MCO network must abide by payment arrangements as stated in their individual MCO contract.

The MA Program does not cover the cost of the vaccine biological agents, as the U.S. Government is supplying these vaccines along with such items as needles, syringes, sharps containers, and alcohol swabs directly to providers at no cost.

MA providers are encouraged to include the Department's H1N1 website at: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/H1N1/>, as an additional resource for the most up-to-date information about the Department's specific communications related to the H1N1 virus.

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