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SUBJECT Additions to the Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule for Administration of Quadrivalent Flu 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 Public Welfare (Department) is adding procedure code 90685 for the administration of quadrivalent influenza vaccine, such as Fluzone® Quadrivalent, when administered to children 6 through 35 months of age, and procedure code 90688 for the administration of quadrivalent influenza vaccine, such as FluLaval® Quadrivalent, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, effective for dates of service on and after January 6, 2014.

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/DISCUSSION:

On June 7, 2013, the FDA approved the use of Fluzone® Quadrivalent, manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur, Inc., for individuals 6 months of age and older. Fluzone® Quadrivalent is a preservative free vaccine that includes two strains of Type A influenza and two strains of Type B influenza to help protect against influenza disease. Prior to 2013, seasonal influenza vaccines included only one strain of Type B influenza.

On August 16, 2013, the FDA approved the use of FluLaval® Quadrivalent, manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, for individuals 3 years of age and older. FluLaval® Quadrivalent vaccine includes two strains of Type A influenza and two strains of Type B influenza to help protect against influenza disease as well as a preservative.

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<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/healthcaremedicalassistance/index.htm>

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 Department added Fluzone® Quadrivalent to the MA Program Drug Fee Schedule on July 10, 2013, and FluLaval® Quadrivalent to the MA Program Drug Fee Schedule on September 10, 2013. The Department is updating the MA Program Fee Schedule by adding procedure code 90685 to allow payment for the administration of quadrivalent influenza virus vaccine such as Fluzone® Quadrivalent, for MA beneficiaries 6 through 35 months of age, and procedure code 90688 to allow payment for the administration of quadrivalent influenza virus vaccine such as FluLaval® Quadrivalent for MA beneficiaries 3 years of age and older, effective for dates of service on and after January 6, 2014. In the interim, MA providers may bill for the administration of Fluzone® Quadrivalent vaccine, for MA beneficiaries 6 through 35 months of age and the administration of FluLaval® Quadrivalent for MA beneficiaries 3 years of age and older using CPT code 90749 (unlisted vaccine/toxoid).

Additionally, the Department added CPT code 90672 and CPT code 90686 to the MA Program Fee Schedule as a result of the 2013 HCPCS update under MA Bulletin 99-13-07, titled “2013 HCPCS Updates and Other Procedure Code Changes” on June 24, 2013. MA providers may submit claims using the following CPT codes for the administration of these influenza virus vaccines:

CPT Code	Description
90672	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, live, for intranasal 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)

On May 23, 2013, the Department issued MA Bulletin 31-13-34, titled “Implementation of the Medical Assistance Program’s Physician Fee Increases for Select Primary Care Services” to announce the Department’s implementation of Section 1202 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and to provide physicians enrolled in the MA Program with information regarding the Department’s implementation of the ACA increased primary care services fees, effective May 31, 2013. MA Bulletin 31-13-34 notified physicians that procedure codes 90672 and 90686 are part of the qualifying code set for payment of the increased ACA primary care services rate. Procedure codes 90685 and 90688 are also included in the qualifying code set. Physicians who qualify for the ACA primary care services rate will be paid the increased rate of \$23.14 per administration. The Department is adding CPT code 90685 and 90688 to the ACA-PCS fee schedule found at:

<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/acaphysicianfeeincreasesforpcs/index.htm>

The Department and the MA MCOs 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 January 6, 2014, MA providers should bill the Department using the following CPT codes identified in the chart below:

CPT Code	Description	MA Fee	ACA-PCS VFC Rate 2013
90685	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use (Fluzone® Quadrivalent)	\$10.00	\$23.14
90688	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (FluLaval® Quadrivalent)	\$10.00	\$23.14

For administration of Fluzone® Quadrivalent vaccine, for MA beneficiaries 6 through 35 months of age and the administration of FluLaval® Quadrivalent for MA beneficiaries 3 years of age during the period July 10, 2013, and September 10, 2013, respectively, through January 5, 2014, providers should bill the Department using CPT code 90749 (unlisted vaccine/toxoid).

The MA fee for the administration of each vaccine is \$10.00 per administration. Physicians who qualify for the increased primary care services fees under ACA, as outlined in MA Bulletin 31-13-34 will be paid the increased fee of \$23.14 per administration. Providers participating in an MA MCO network must abide by payment arrangements as stated in their individual MCO contract.

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 January 6, 2014". The document identifies the procedure code, national code description, provider type, provider specialty, place of service, pricing modifier(s), informational modifier(s), MA fee, ACA Primary Care Services 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 or FluLaval® Quadrivalent vaccine for MA eligible beneficiaries by indicating, on the claim submission, the appropriate National Drug Code and the units dispensed for the vaccine. The effective date for coverage of the Fluzone® Quadrivalent vaccine under the MA pharmacy

benefit is July 10, 2013. The effective date for coverage of the FluLaval® Quadrivalent vaccine under the MA pharmacy benefit is September 10, 2013. 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 January 6, 2014](#)