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<b>Pub 100-20 One-Time Notification</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
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	<b>Change Request 5365</b>

**Subject: Payment Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT 90655, 90656, 90657, and 90658) and the Pneumococcal Vaccine (CPT 90732) When Payment is Based on 95 Percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP)**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This one time notification provides the payment allowances for the influenza virus and the pneumococcal vaccines when payment is based on 95 percent of the average wholesale price.

**New / Revised Material**

**Effective Date: September 1, 2006**

**Implementation Date: January 22, 2007**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	Chapter / Section / Subsection / Title
N/A	

**III. FUNDING:**

No additional funding will be provided by CMS; Contractor activities are to be carried out within their FY 2007 operating budgets.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**One-Time Notification**

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# Attachment – One-Time Notification

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**SUBJECT: Payment Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT 90655, 90656, 90657, and 90658) and the Pneumococcal Vaccine (CPT 90732) When Payment Is Based on 95 Percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP)**

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

This one time notification provides the payment allowances for the following influenza virus vaccines: CPT codes 90655, 90656, 90657, and 90658 as well as the pneumococcal vaccine (CPT 90732) when payment is based on 95 percent of the AWP. The Medicare Part B payment allowance in these situations for CPT 90655 is \$15.377, for CPT 90656 is \$16.574, for CPT 90657 is \$6.312, and for CPT 90658 is \$12.624, effective September 1, 2006. The Medicare Part B payment allowance for CPT 90732 is \$27.028, effective September 1, 2006. Annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts do not apply. All physicians, non-physician practitioners and suppliers who administer the influenza virus vaccination and the pneumococcal vaccination must take assignment on the claim for the vaccine.

CPT 90660 (FluMist, a nasal influenza vaccine) may be covered if the local claims processing contractor determines its use is medically reasonable and necessary for the beneficiary.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement*  
*"Should" denotes an optional requirement*

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility ("X" indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I S S	R H H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
5365.1	Effective September 1, 2006, the Medicare Part B payment allowance for CPT 90655 is \$15.377.	X		X						
5365.2	Effective September 1, 2006, the Medicare Part B payment allowance for CPT 90656 is \$16.574.	X		X						

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
5365.3	Effective September 1, 2006, the Medicare Part B payment allowance for CPT 90657 is \$6.312.	X		X						
5365.4	Effective September 1, 2006, the Medicare Part B payment allowance for CPT 90658 is \$12.624.	X		X						
5365.5	Effective September 1, 2006, the Medicare Part B payment allowance for CPT 90732 is \$27.028.	X		X						
5365.6	Contractors shall cover CPT 90660 if its use is determined to be medically reasonable and necessary for the beneficiary.	X		X						
5365.7	Contractors shall not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims. However, contractors shall adjust claims brought to their attention.	X		X						

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION

Requirement Number	Requirements	Responsibility (“X” indicates the columns that apply)								
		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers				Other
						F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
5365.8	A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct	X		X						

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		F I	R H I	C a r r i e r	D M E R C	Shared System Maintainers			
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	link to this article, on their Web site and include information about it in a listserv message within one week of the availability of the provider education article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in your next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.								

**IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

**A. Other Instructions: N/A**

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

**B. Design Considerations: N/A**

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

**C. Interfaces: N/A**

**D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A**

**E. Dependencies: N/A**

**F. Testing Considerations: N/A**

**V. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING**

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