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### *Important Notice Regarding Vaccine Administrations in 2008*

#### Key Words

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#### Provider Types Affected

Physicians and other providers who bill Medicare carriers or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for the administration of Part D-covered vaccines to Medicare beneficiaries

#### Key Points

- Section 202(b) of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 established a permanent policy for payment by Medicare for administration of Part D-covered vaccines, beginning in 2008.
- The policy states that, effective January 1, 2008, the administration of a Part D-covered vaccine is included in the definition of "covered Part D drug" under the Part D statute.
- During 2007, in transition to this new policy, providers were permitted to bill Part B for the administration of a Part D vaccine using a special G code (G0377: *Administration of vaccine for Part D drug*).
- MLN Matters article SE0723 reminds providers that effective January 1, 2008, they can no longer bill the G code (G0377) to Medicare Part B.
- Providers will need to bill the patient for the vaccine and its administration, and the patient will need to submit the claim to the Part D plan for reimbursement.
- **This guidance does not affect Part B covered vaccines.**

## Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0723.pdf> on the CMS website.

Providers may want to look at:

- MLN Matters article MM5486 (“Payment by DME MACs and DMERCs for the Administration of Part D Vaccines”), released December 29, 2006 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5486.pdf>; and
- MLN Matters article MM5459 (“Emergency Update to the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)”), released January 11, 2007 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5459.pdf> on the CMS website.
- MLN Matters article SE0727 (“Reimbursement for Vaccines and Vaccine Administration Under Medicare Part D”) at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0727.pdf> on the CMS website.

If providers have any questions, they may contact their carrier or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip>.