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## Important Notice Regarding Vaccine Administrations in 2008

**Note:** This article was revised on August 3, 2007, to correct the G code for the administration of vaccinations for Part D on page 2. The G code referenced was G3077 and it should have been G0377. Also, a reference to a related article (SE0727) was added in the Additional Information section. All other information is unchanged.

## Provider Types Affected

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

## What Providers Need to Know

This article (Special Edition (SE) 0723) provides 2008 payment guidance for the administration of Part D-covered vaccines. This is not new policy guidance, just a reminder of the policy for 2008. **Remember that, effective January 1, 2008, physicians can no longer bill Medicare Part B for the administration of Medicare Part D-covered vaccines, using the special G code (G0377).** Instead, you will need to bill the patient for the vaccine and its administration, and the patient will need to submit the claim to their Part D plan for reimbursement.

You should make sure that your billing staffs are aware of this Part D-covered vaccine administration guidance for 2008.

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## Background

Section 202(b) of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (TRHCA) established a permanent policy for payment by Medicare for administration of Part D-covered vaccines, beginning in 2008. Specifically, 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).

SE0723 now reminds providers of the requirement that payment for the administration of Part D covered vaccines only during 2007.

Therefore, effective January 1, 2008, you can no longer bill the G code to Part B; rather you 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.

**Important Note:** *This guidance does not affect Part B covered vaccines.*

## Additional Information

You might want to look at MLN Matters articles MM5486 (Payment by DME MACs and DMERCs for the Administration of Part D Vaccines), released December 29, 2006; and MM5459 (Emergency Update to the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database (MPFSDB)) released January 11, 2007. You can find these articles at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5486.pdf> and <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5459.pdf>, respectively.

You may also want to review SE0727 (Reimbursement for Vaccines and Vaccine Administration Under Medicare Part D), which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0727.pdf> on the CMS website.

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

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