

MEDICARE PREVENTIVE SERVICES QUICK REFERENCE INFORMATION: MEDICARE PART B IMMUNIZATION BILLING





(Influenza, Pneumococcal, and Hepatitis B)

Immunization Procedure Codes & Descriptors

ADMINISTRATION & DIAGNOSIS CODES	VACCINE CODES & DESCRIPTORS	FREQUENCY OF ADMINISTRATION
Influenza Virus Vaccine Administration Code: G0008 Diagnosis Code: V04.81	 90655 – Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use 90656 – Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years and older, for intramuscular use 90657 – Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use 90658 – Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use 90660 – Influenza virus vaccine, live, for intranasal use 	Once per flu season in the fall or winter Medicare may cover additional flu shots if medically necessary
Pneumococcal Vaccine Administration Code: G0009 Diagnosis Code: V03.82	 90669 – Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, polyvalent, when administered to children younger than 5 years, for intramuscular use 90732 – Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, adult or immunosuppressed patient dosage, when administered to individuals 2 years or older, for subcutaneous or intramuscular use 	Once in a lifetime / Medicare may cover additional vaccinations based on risk
Pneumococcal and Influenza Virus Vaccines received during the same visit Administration Codes: G0008: Influenza Virus G0009: Pneumococcal Diagnosis Code: V06.6	Use influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccine codes	Follow administration guidelines for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines
Hepatitis B Vaccine Administration Codes: G0010 (for other than OPPS hospitals) For OPPS hospitals billing for the hepatitis B vaccine administration: 90471 Immunization administration 90472 Each additional vaccine Diagnosis Code: V05.3	 90740 – Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use 90743 – Hepatitis B vaccine, adolescent (2 dose schedule), for intramuscular use 90744 – Hepatitis B vaccine, pediatric/adolescent dosage (3 dose schedule), for intramuscular use 90746 – Hepatitis B vaccine, adult dosage, for intramuscular use 90747 – Hepatitis B vaccine, dialysis or immunosuppressed patient dosage (4 dose schedule), for intramuscular use 	Scheduled doses required

What's New?

Since Medicare reimbursement rates change periodically, providers are encouraged to enroll in CMS listservs of their choice at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AboutWebsite/EmailUpdates for the latest updates.

Institutional Providers: Additional Billing Information

FACILITY	TYPE OF BILL
Hospitals and Indian Health Service (IHS) Hospitals [other than Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)]	12x, 13x
CAHs: Method I and II and IHS CAHs	12x, 85x
Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)	22x, 23x
Home Health Agencies (HHAs)	34x
Independent and Hospital-Based Renal Dialysis Facilities	72x
Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs)	75x

Revenue Codes: 0636 - vaccine 0771 - administration

Special Information for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs):*

FACILITY	TYPE OF BILL
Rural Health Clinic (RHC)	71x
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	73x

*Influenza virus, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccines are covered when given by RHCs and FQHCs when they meet all program requirements, but no line items specifically for vaccines are billed on type of bill 71x or 73x claims. The cost of the influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines and the vaccine administration is reported separately on the RHC's and FQHC's cost report for reimbursement purposes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does a Part B deductible or coinsurance apply for adult immunizations covered by Medicare?

Neither a Part B deductible nor coinsurance applies to the influenza virus or pneumococcal vaccines. However, the Part B deductible plus the 20 percent Medicare coinsurance amount applies to the hepatitis B vaccine.

If a beneficiary receives a flu vaccination more than once in a 12-month period, will Medicare still pay for it?

Yes. Medicare pays for one flu vaccination per flu season; however, a beneficiary could receive the flu vaccine twice in a calendar year for two different flu seasons and the provider would be reimbursed for each. For example, a beneficiary could receive a flu vaccination in January 2009 for the 2008-2009 flu season and another flu vaccination in November 2009 for the 2009-2010 flu season and Medicare would pay for both vaccinations.

Will Medicare pay for the pneumococcal vaccination if a beneficiary is uncertain of his or her vaccination history?

Yes. If a beneficiary is uncertain about his or her vaccination history in the past 5 years, the vaccine should be given and Medicare will cover the revaccination. If a beneficiary is certain that more than 5 years have passed, revaccination is not appropriate unless the beneficiary is at highest risk.

Does Medicare cover the hepatitis B vaccine for all Medicare beneficiaries?

No. Medicare provides coverage for certain beneficiaries at intermediate to high risk for the hepatitis B virus (HBV). These individuals include workers in health care professions who have frequent contact with blood or blood-derived body fluids during routine work, those with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), and persons who live in the same household as an HBV carrier. There are other situations which could qualify a beneficiary as being at intermediate or high risk of contracting HBV.

When a beneficiary receives both the influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines on the same visit, would a provider continue to report separate administration codes for each type of vaccine?

Yes. Although the provider would use diagnosis code V06.6 when an individual receives both vaccines, separate administration codes for the influenza virus (G0008) and pneumococcal (G0009) vaccines should be reported. Medicare will pay both administration fees if a beneficiary receives both the influenza virus and the pneumococcal vaccine on the same day.

Can the influenza virus, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccinations all be roster billed?

No. Only the influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccines are eligible for roster billing. Roster billing does not apply to the hepatitis B vaccine.

What is a mass immunizer?

A mass immunizer offers flu and/or pneumococcal vaccinations to a large number of individuals and may be a traditional Medicare provider or supplier or a nontraditional provider or supplier (such as a senior citizen's center, a public health clinic, or community pharmacy). Mass immunizers must submit claims for immunizations on roster bills and must take assignment on both the vaccine and its administration. A mass immunizer should enroll with the FI, carrier, or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractor (A/B MAC) prior to flu season. Please see the next question for more enrollment information.

Do providers that only provide immunizations need to enroll in the Medicare Program?

Yes. Providers must enroll in the Medicare Program even if immunizations are the only service they will provide to beneficiaries. They should enroll as provider specialty type 73, Mass Immunization Roster Biller by completing Form CMS-855I for individuals or Form CMS-855B for a group. Visit http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/ to locate these forms. Providers who do not provide other covered services to Medicare beneficiaries complete only the portion of the enrollment form that applies to mass immunizers. New providers must also first receive a National Provider Identifier (NPI) prior to enrollment. Visit https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov for NPI enrollment information.

May a single claim form be submitted containing information for both the pneumococcal and influenza virus vaccinations when the vaccinations are administered on the same visit and roster billed?

No. Separate CMS claims must be used for each vaccine. Each claim must have an attached roster bill listing the beneficiaries who received that type of vaccination.

Quick Facts!

- Enrolled providers may roster bill for flu and pneumococcal vaccinations even if they are not a mass immunizer.
- All physicians, non-physician practitioners, and suppliers who administer the influenza virus vaccination and the pneumococcal vaccination must accept assignment on the claims for the vaccine.
- Influenza virus, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccinations and their administration are covered Part B benefits and are NOT covered Part D benefits.

Resources

The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services for Physicians, Providers, Suppliers, and Other Health Care Professionals http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/mps_guide_ web-061305.pdf

Influenza (Flu) Season Educational Products and Resources http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/flu_products.pdf

CMS Website Adult Immunization Web Page http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AdultImmunizations/

Medicare Claims Processing Manual – Chapter 18, Preventive and Screening Services http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c18.pdf

Medicare Benefit Policy Manual – Chapter 15, Section 50.4.4.2 - Immunizations http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf

Medicare Preventive Services Adult Immunizations Brochure http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Adult_ Immunization.pdf

CDC Vaccines & Immunizations http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/default.htm

For beneficiary-related information http://www.medicare.gov 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY users (1-800-486-2048)

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