



ATTENTION: PHARMACISTS

UPDATE ON PHARMACISTS ADMINISTERING INFLUENZA VACCINES FOR MEDICAID ENROLLEES UNDER THE AGE OF 19

In accordance with New York State Education Law section 6803, effective 04/01/2018, NYS certified pharmacists may administer influenza vaccines to children between the ages of 2 years and 18 years.

The influenza vaccine is provided free of charge by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program and in turn to VFC-enrolled pharmacies for administration to Medicaid-enrolled and uninsured children under the age of 19. Pharmacies not already enrolled in VFC are strongly encouraged to enroll to enable access to influenza vaccine for both Medicaid and uninsured children. For VFC enrollment information, go to: https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/vaccines_for_children/.

During the effective period of Executive Order 176, NYS Medicaid suspended the requirement for pharmacies to only use vaccines obtained from the VFC Program for enrollees under the age of 19. **The suspension of this requirement ends with the expiration of the Executive Order, currently set for April 21, 2018.**

NYS Medicaid should never be billed for the cost of influenza vaccines for Medicaid members under the age of 19, as these vaccines are available to pharmacies free of charge through the VFC Program. Pharmacies that bill Medicaid for vaccines available through VFC may be subject to recovery of payment. Administration of the vaccine should be billed using procedure code 90460 – IMMUNIZATION ADMINISTRATION THROUGH 18 YEARS.

Services must be provided and documented in accordance to NYS Department of Education laws and regulations. Visit: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pharm/pharmimmunizations.htm> for links to additional information, including the reporting of all immunizations administered to persons less than 19 years of age to the New York State Department of Health using the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS).

Billing Instructions: When billing NYS Medicaid FFS, providers must submit via NCPDP D.0, in the Claim Segment field 436-E1 (Product/Service ID Qualifier), a value of "09" (HCPCS), which qualifies the code submitted in field 407-D7 (Product/Service ID) as a Procedure code. In field 407-D7 (Product/Service ID), enter the Procedure code.

Pharmacies should use procedure code 90460 when billing NYS Medicaid FFS for administration of a vaccine to a Medicaid enrollee under 19 years of age when available through the VFC program; reimbursement for such is \$17.85. There is no reimbursement for the vaccine in these instances, as it is available for free through the VFC program.

For Medicaid MCO billing guidance, please check with the individual Medicaid Managed Care Plan.