

NYS Medicaid FFS Program Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet (Updated 10-2-13)

Effective October 14, 2010, the administration of select vaccines by qualified pharmacists employed by, or under contract with, Medicaid enrolled pharmacies is reimbursable under NYS Medicaid. Administration of vaccines is conducted pursuant to NYS Education Law and regulations (8NYCRR63.9) which permits licensed pharmacists who obtain additional certification to administer influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations to adults 18 years of age and older is based on a **patient-specific or non-patient specific order**.

Effective October 16, 2012, the administration of zoster (shingles) vaccine to Medicaid FFS non-dual enrollees aged 50 and older by qualified pharmacists employed by, or under contract with, Medicaid enrolled pharmacies is reimbursable under NYS Medicaid pursuant to a **patient-specific order** by a physician or nurse practitioner. Administration of vaccines will be conducted pursuant to NYS Education Law and regulations.

Effective October 29, 2013, the administration of meningococcal vaccine to Medicaid FFS beneficiaries 18 years of age or older, by qualified pharmacists employed by, or under contract with, Medicaid enrolled pharmacies is reimbursable under NYS Medicaid pursuant to a **patient-specific order or a non-patient specific order**. Administration of vaccines must be conducted pursuant to NYS Education Law and regulations.

The following conditions apply:

- Only Medicaid enrolled pharmacies that employ or contract with NYS certified pharmacists to administer vaccines will receive reimbursement for immunization services and products. Pharmacy interns cannot administer immunizations in New York State.
- 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 additional information.
- Pharmacies will only be able to bill for Medicaid fee-for-service non-dual enrollees. Medicaid managed care and Family Health Plus enrollees will continue to access immunization services through their health plans. Dual eligible enrollees will continue to access immunization services through Medicare.
- Reimbursement for influenza, pneumococcal and meningococcal vaccines will be based on a patient specific order or non-patient specific order. Reimbursement to zoster (shingles) vaccine is based on a patient specific order. These orders must be kept on file at the pharmacy. The ordering prescriber's NPI is required on the claim for the claim to be paid.
- Consistent with Medicaid immunization policy, for administration of vaccines ages 19 and over, pharmacies will bill the administration and acquisition cost of the vaccine using the appropriate procedure codes listed below. Please note that NDCs are not to be used for billing the vaccine product. Reimbursement for the product will be made at no more than the *actual* acquisition cost to the pharmacy. No dispensing fee or enrollee co-payment applies. Pharmacies will bill with a quantity of "1" and a day supply of "1".
- For administration (ages 19 and older) of multiple vaccines on the same date, code 90471 should be used for the first vaccine and 90472 for ANY other vaccines administered on that day. One line will be billed for 90472 indicating the additional number of vaccines administered (insert 1 or 2).

- Vaccines for individuals under the age of 19 are provided free of charge by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Medicaid will not reimburse providers for vaccines for individuals under the age of 19 when available through the VFC program. For reimbursement purposes, the administration of the components of a combination vaccine will continue to be considered as one vaccine administration.
- For administration (through 18 years of age) of multiple VFC vaccines on the same date, code 90460 should be used for each vaccine administered.

The following procedure codes should be billed for pharmacist administration of select influenza, pneumococcal and meningococcal vaccines for age 18 and over, and zoster for age 50 and over:

Procedure Code	Procedure Description
90656	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, for use in individuals 3 years of age and above, for intramuscular use
90658	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for use in individuals 3 years of age and above, for intramuscular use
90660	Influenza virus vaccine, live, for intranasal use in individuals 2 years of age through 49
90672	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, live, for intranasal use in individuals 2 years of age through 49
90686	Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use
90732	Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, adult or immunosuppressed patient dosage, for use in individuals 2 years of age or older, for subcutaneous or intramuscular use
90733	Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (any group(s)), for subcutaneous use, age 2 years of age and older
90734	Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, serogroups A,C,Y and W-135 (trivalent), for intramuscular use, age 11 through 55
90736	Zoster (shingles) Vaccine, live, for subcutaneous injection, age 50 and older
90460	Immunization administration through 18 years of Age via Any Route of Administration with Counseling; First or Only Component of Each Vaccine or Toxoid Administered (to be used by VFC enrolled pharmacies when administering vaccines obtained from VFC Program) \$17.85
90471	Immunization administration ages 19 and older (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) \$13.23
90472	Immunization administration ages 19 and older (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure) \$13.23
90473	Immunization administration ages 19 and older of seasonal influenza intranasal vaccine \$8.57

NOTE: The maximum fees for vaccine drugs are adjusted periodically by the State to reflect the estimated acquisition cost. Insert acquisition cost per dose in amount charged field on claim form.

For VFC enrollment information, go to:

http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/vaccines_for_children.htm

Questions regarding Medicaid reimbursement of immunizations may be directed to the Medicaid Pharmacy Program at 518 486-3209 or PPNO@health.state.ny.us.

Additional information on influenza can be found at NYS Department of Health's website at <http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/>