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## MEDICAID BULLETIN

**TO: Providers Indicated**

**SUBJECT: Policy and Procedures for Influenza A (H1N1) and Seasonal Influenza**

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2009, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will provide reimbursement for administering the influenza A (H1N1) vaccine to Medicaid beneficiaries. The South Carolina Medicaid policy typically allows one flu vaccination per year if medically indicated. The policy is being expanded this year to include the influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, and will include reimbursement for multiple doses. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending that the vaccine be given to individuals from 6 months to 24 years of age, pregnant women, and care-givers (i.e. parents, teachers, and day care workers) of children under the age of 6 months.

The influenza A (H1N1) vaccine is **not** being provided as a Vaccine Assurance for All Children (VAFAC) covered procedure. Therefore, it will not be counted toward the three per day vaccine limit. The American Medical Association created a new Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code to identify the influenza A (H1N1) vaccine administration cost. Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2009, providers should bill the following code for influenza A (H1N1) administration:

90470            H1N1 immunization administration (intramuscular, intranasal)

Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and Federal Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC) providers can not bill a T1015 encounter code when the only service rendered is the influenza A (H1N1) vaccine. However, if a medically necessary encounter is billed in addition to the influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, providers should append the "TN" modifier to the claim.

Hospital providers should bill for the administration of the influenza A (H1N1) vaccine using Revenue Code 771 (Vaccine Administration) with CPT code 90470. If the vaccine is given to patients during a scheduled Outpatient Clinic visit, the administration fee is included in the rate for the visit.

Please be advised that if the seasonal flu or influenza A (H1N1) vaccine is provided free of charge to the health care provider, Medicaid will only reimburse for administering the vaccine.

The SCDHHS will reimburse for seasonal flu vaccinations even if they are provided earlier in the year than normal. Providers should continue to follow current policy when billing for seasonal influenza services.

For additional information on these policy and fee schedule updates, please refer to the Physicians, Laboratories, and Other Medical Professionals Manual, or the Hospital Services Provider Manual. The most current versions of the provider manuals and fee schedules are maintained on the SCDHHS website at [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov). If you have any questions regarding this bulletin or any other Medicaid billing or policy questions, please contact your Program Representative in the Division of Physician Services at (803) 898-2660, or the Division of Hospital Services at (803) 898-2665. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

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