



Urgent National Correct Coding Initiative Update: Preventive Care Codes and Immunization Administration Codes

As stated in the October 2013 web notification: Effective 2014, states will no longer have CMS approval to deactivate the preventive care and immunization administration code pairs; for that reason, Louisiana Medicaid fee for service (legacy) and Bayou Health Plans must reactive these edits. CMS has provided the following guidance which shall allow both the immunization administration and the preventive medicine evaluation and management (E/M) service to be reimbursed.

“If a Medicaid beneficiary receives one or more immunizations and a “significant, separately identifiable” preventive-medicine evaluation and management (E/M) service from the same provider on the same date of service, the provider’s Medicaid claim(s) should include both the immunization administration code . . . and the comprehensive preventive-medicine E/M code . . . with modifier 25 appended

If the provider . . . bills a comprehensive preventive-medicine E/M code for the same day and does not append modifier 25, the Medicaid PTP edits will deny payment of the preventive medicine E/M code.”

Louisiana Medicaid fee for service (legacy) and Bayou Health Plans will reimburse both the immunization administration and the preventive medicine E/M services when modifier -25 is properly appended to the preventive medicine E/M procedure code. Documentation in the clinical record must substantiate each service.

For questions related to this information, please contact Molina Medicaid Solutions Provider Services at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.