



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Bureau of Health Services Financing

September 15, 2010

Re: Reimbursement of Influenza Vaccine Administration

Dear Pharmacist:

Louisiana Medicaid reimburses enrolled pharmacies for the administration of the influenza vaccine. Once administered, pharmacists shall document these immunizations in the Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide (LINKS) registry.

Pharmacists who have the Authority to Administer authorized by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy may administer the vaccine. These pharmacists have been automatically registered with Louisiana Medicaid and have been issued individual Medicaid provider numbers. To confirm or request Medicaid enrollment, authorized pharmacists should contact Molina Provider Enrollment at 225-216-6370. Additionally, pharmacists who have the Authority to Administer and a National Provider Identifier (NPI) should report this number to Provider Enrollment.

Effective August 15, 2010, Act 287 of the 2010 Louisiana Legislature permits pharmacists who possess a Medication Administration Registration from the Board of Pharmacy to administer the influenza vaccine to individuals seven years and older without a prescription or medical order. Please refer to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy website at www.pharmacy.la.gov for more requirements.

Additionally, the Board of Pharmacy adopted the following motion: "For the purposes of recordkeeping and facilitating access to influenza immunizations to the public, and for the benefit of public health, pharmacists shall create a document in their prescription files which contains a prescription number and lists the immunizing pharmacist as the prescriber."

When submitting claims to Louisiana Medicaid without prescriptions authorized by a prescribing practitioner, the vaccinating pharmacist shall enter his/her Louisiana Medicaid provider number or NPI in NCPDP field 411-DB (Prescriber ID) and in NCPDP field 444-E9 (Provider ID). When a prescription does exist, the prescribing practitioner's Medicaid provider number or NPI shall be entered into NCPDP field 411-DB (Prescriber ID). In this scenario, the vaccinating pharmacist's Louisiana Medicaid provider number or NPI shall be entered into NCPDP field 444-E9 (Provider ID).

Paid claims for administration fees will be posted on the Electronic Clinical Drug Inquiry (e-CDI). When Medicaid reimburses a pharmacy for an administration fee claim, the name of the influenza vaccine and date of payment will be listed. This application is available in the secured provider site of www.lamedicaid.com.

Reimbursement of the influenza administration (intramuscular or intranasal) is limited to a fee not to exceed \$15.22. No reimbursement of the vaccine will be made. To be reimbursed for the administration fee of the influenza vaccine, pharmacies will be required to submit the following information utilizing the NCPDP 5.1 format. The following fields will be required as part of the Point of Sale claim:

NCPDP Field Number	NCPDP Field Name	Value	Comment
407-D7	Product/Service ID	11 Digit NDC	Vaccine NDC
409-D9	Ingredient Cost Submitted	\$0	
411-DB	Prescriber ID	Prescriber/Pharmacist Medicaid Number or NPI	Enter the Prescriber's LA Medicaid Issued Number or NPI OR in the Absence of a Prescription, the Vaccinating Pharmacist's LA Medicaid Issued Number or NPI
438-E3	Incentive Amount Submitted	Usual Administration Fee	Usual Amount Charged for Vaccine Administration
473-7E	DUR/PPS Code Counter	1	Number of Occurrences
440-E5	Professional Service Code	MA	Medication Administered
444-E9	Provider ID	Pharmacist Medicaid Number or NPI	The Vaccinating Pharmacist's LA Medicaid Issued Number or NPI
465-EY	Provider ID Qualifier	05	NPI
		07	State Issued

Administration fee claims submitted without a value of MA entered into NCPDP field 440-E5 (Professional Service Code) will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code E5 (M/I Professional Service Code) mapped to EOB code 431 (Missing/Invalid Professional Service Code).

Only credentialed pharmacists who are enrolled with Louisiana Medicaid may be included in the claim submission. Their Medicaid assigned provider number or NPI must be entered in NCPDP field 444-E9 (Provider ID). If the pharmacist is not enrolled, the claim will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code E9 (M/I Provider ID) mapped to EOB code 210 (Provider Not Certified for This Procedure).

If the pharmacist's assigned provider number or NPI is missing or invalid or if a pharmacy's NPI is entered in NCPDP field 444-E9 (Provider ID), the claim will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code E9 (M/I Provider ID) mapped to EOB code 444 (Missing/Invalid Service Provider).

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A value of 07 (State Issued) or 05 (NPI) must be entered into NCPDP field 465-EY (Provider ID Qualifier). If an inappropriate qualifier or no qualifier is entered, the claim will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code EY (M/I Provider ID Qualifier) mapped to EOB code 509 (Missing/Invalid Service Provider ID Qualifier).

When an administration fee claim is submitted with an NDC other than one for an influenza vaccine (2010-2011 Influenza Season), the claim will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code 70 (Product/Service Not Covered) mapped to EOB 233 (Procedure/NDC Not Covered for Service Date Given).

The usual amount charged for a vaccine administration fee should be entered in NCPDP field 438-E3 (Incentive Amount Submitted). When the amount submitted is zero, the claim will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code E3 (M/I Incentive Amount Submitted) mapped to EOB 089 (Missing/Invalid Incentive Amount).

Reimbursed claims for vaccine administration will be posted with the educational EOB 649 (Administration Only Is Reimbursable).

This edit will be returned with paid claims even though additional billed charges exist in other NCPDP fields.

These claims will process without edits for

- The five prescription monthly limit,
- Requirements to bill other insurance and
- Lock-in

All other pharmacy editing will remain in place. Recipients may not be charged copayments for the administration fee.

If you have any concerns or comments regarding this correspondence, you may contact the Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Benefits Management Section at 225-342-9768. Your service to our recipients and continued cooperation with efforts to protect the citizens of Louisiana are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Don Gregory
Medicaid Director

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