



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

October 29, 2009

Re: Reimbursement of H1N1 Vaccine Administration

Dear Pharmacist:

The U.S. government is providing states with federally funded novel H1N1 vaccine and supplies. The H1N1 vaccine is being distributed to Louisiana providers through the Louisiana Office of Public Health (OPH).

Louisiana State Health Officer, Jimmy Guidry, M.D. has issued an Emergency Order and Protocol addressing the administration of Influenza vaccination by eligible pharmacists. This document may be found at www.dhh.la.gov. Once administered, pharmacists shall document these H1N1 immunizations in the Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide (LINKS) registry.

While the H1N1 vaccine is free, providers may charge a fee to administer this vaccine. Effective October 10, 2009, Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse enrolled pharmacies for the administration of the H1N1 vaccine. Pharmacists who have the Authority to Administer authorized by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy may administer the vaccine.

These pharmacists who currently have this authority will be automatically registered with Louisiana Medicaid. They will be issued an individual Medicaid provider number. To confirm or request enrollment, authorized pharmacists should contact Unisys Provider Enrollment at 225-216-6370. Additionally, pharmacists who have the Authority to Administer and a National Provider Identifier (NPI) should report it to Provider Enrollment.

Reimbursement of the H1N1 administration (intramuscular or intranasal) will be limited to a fee not to exceed \$15.22. As the vaccine is supplied by OPH, no reimbursement of the vaccine will be made. To be reimbursed for the administration fee of the H1N1 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	Free H1N1 Vaccine
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).

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 H1N1 vaccine, 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.

When a prescription for the H1N1 vaccine is written by a prescribing practitioner, that practitioner's NPI or Louisiana Medicaid number should be sent in the claim. In concert with guidance issued in the Emergency Order and Protocol mentioned above, when a prescription order does not exist, pharmacists may enter 1548253016 (NPI of Dr. Jimmy Guidry, the State Health Officer) and submit the claim.

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 H1N1 vaccine and date of payment will be listed. This application is available in the secured provider site of www.lamedicaid.com.

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,


Jerry Phillips
Medicaid Director

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