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Pharmacy Announcement

Pharmacist-Administered Adult and Childhood Immunizations Covered by Nevada Medicaid and Nevada Check Up

Effective April 17, 2012, Nevada Medicaid and Nevada Check Up will reimburse pharmacies for the administration of adult and childhood immunizations. The highlights, covered immunizations, pharmacy requirements, reimbursement information and claims instructions follow.

Highlights:

- Administration fee is \$7.80 for each immunization given.
- Billing is completed through the standard pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) system.
- Vaccines for children 18 and younger are provided to pharmacies free of charge through Nevada's Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program.

Covered immunizations:

- Influenza
- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Td/Tdap)
- Varicella
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) (male and female; provided through the VFC program for children 18 and younger)
- Zoster (only covered for recipients 50 years and older, not included in VFC)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Pneumococcal
- Meningococcal
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Inactivated Poliovirus
- Haemophilus influenza type b
- Rotavirus

Pharmacy requirements:

- The administering pharmacist must be appropriately certified by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy.
- Records must be kept on file for auditing.
- Pharmacies are responsible for physician oversight of the program and other state licensing requirements per Nevada Board of Pharmacy Rules.
- Pharmacies must enter immunizations given in the [Nevada WebIZ](#) website. WebIZ is a secure online registry databank that records immunizations for specific individuals.
- Pharmacies must enroll in the [Vaccines for Children \(VFC\)](#) program. VFC vaccines are provided through the Nevada State Health Division for recipients who are 18 years and younger at no cost to the provider.

Reimbursement information:

- **The administration fee is \$7.80 if administered in the pharmacy. If dispensed and administered offsite, the pharmacy will be reimbursed the standard dispensing fee.**
- All claims should be submitted through the pharmacy POS system.
- **Pharmacies will not be reimbursed an ingredient cost for VFC Program Immunization, but pharmacies will receive the administration fee.**
- Ingredient cost will be reimbursed using the lesser-of logic payment algorithm.
- For non-VFC immunizations that are dispensed but not administered, pharmacies will receive reimbursement for the ingredient cost and a dispensing fee.

Claims instructions:

- For POS claims:
 - Submit Ingredient Cost (409-D9).
 - Submit Dispensing Fee (412-DC).
 - Submit Patient Paid Amount (433-DX).
 - It is not required, but Incentive Amount (433-E3) may be submitted.
 - Submit Gross Amount Due (430-DU).
 - All other fields are the same as standard POS claims.
- Response for POS claims:
 - You will be reimbursed only what is allowed according the payment algorithm.
 - If the recipient is 18 years old or younger, a zero ingredient cost (506-F6) will be returned. If the recipient is 19 years or older, the ingredient cost will be reimbursed based on the algorithm above.
 - The administration fee will be returned in the Incentive Fee field (521-FL) for all claims for immunizations.