Vaccine Billing Clarification

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is collaborating with the Division of Public and Behavioral Health on tracking vaccines for Nevada Check Up kids under the Nevada State Immunization Program (NSIP). A memo, dated May 4, 2015, was recently sent out to providers from the NSIP. This web announcement serves to provide clarification of the memo.

Currently, providers bill for the vaccine administration with a Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code and the vaccine serum using a CPT or National Drug Code (NDC) with either a zero rate or a modifier SL (state supplied vaccine).

After July 1, 2015, providers who service regular Medicaid and Nevada Check Up recipients may continue to bill for the vaccine administration using the most appropriate CPT code. All vaccine serum will now require NDCs for Nevada Medicaid or Nevada Check Up. Providers must continue to use a zero rate for reimbursement for Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccines, or the SL modifier. Even with a zero rate on the claim, quantity must be included on the claim or the claim will deny. Vaccine claims will be limited to one vaccine per claim line and one unit of measure per individual product. Bill non-VFC vaccinations with the NDC and the usual and customary rate.

Providers have been inquiring about recognizing the difference between Nevada Check Up and regular Medicaid in the Electronic Verification System (EVS). The type of eligibility will not affect the new way of billing for vaccines, as both Nevada Check Up and regular Medicaid will be billed the same way. For information purposes, in the EVS, regular Medicaid is recognized with a Roman numeral XIX (19) and Nevada Check Up is recognized with a Roman numeral XXI (21).

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