



Important Provider Notification

2015-2016 Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines

Flu season vaccination has arrived. Flu and pneumonia vaccines are **annual covered benefits for all Better Health Medicaid members. The pneumonia vaccine requires prior authorization.**

Influenza and pneumonia vaccinations are also covered through our network pharmacies. Members should check with their pharmacist concerning the availability and administration of both vaccines.

Better Health reimburses participating providers for influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations as follows:

- Birth – 18 year old members - participating providers receive vaccines free for Medicaid members from birth through 18 years of age by joining the Federal Vaccines for Children Program (VFC). Better Health will reimburse providers a \$10 administration fee for the vaccine when billing with the administration codes G0008 for the flu vaccine and G0009 for the pneumococcal vaccine.
- 19- 20-year old members – Participating providers will be reimbursed for the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee of \$10.00 by billing with the administration code G0008 (flu vaccine) or G0009 (pneumococcal vaccine), modifier HA and the applicable procedure code below:

| CPT Codes | Modifier 19-20 | Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines for 19-20 Year Olds Administration code G0008 Flu and G0009 Pneumonia | Payment Limit (19-20) |
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| 90656 | HA | Influenza virus vaccine, intramuscular, preservative free | \$21.92 |
| 90658 | HA | Influenza virus vaccine, intramuscular | \$18.12 |
| 90686 | HA | Influenza virus vaccine, intramuscular, preservative free | \$25.38 |
| 90732 | HA | Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, subcutaneous or intramuscular | \$67.19 |

- 21years and older – Participating providers will be reimbursed for the cost of the vaccine and the administration fee of \$10.00 by billing with the administration code G0008 (flu vaccine) or G0009 (pneumococcal vaccine), and the applicable procedure code below:

| CPT Codes | Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines for 21 Year Olds and Older Administration code G0008 for Flu and G0009 for Pneumonia | Payment Limit (21+) |
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| 90656 | Influenza virus vaccine, intramuscular, preservative free | \$13.88 |
| 90686 | Influenza virus vaccine, intramuscular, no preservative free | \$18.16 |
| 90732 | Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, subcutaneous or intramuscular adult or immunosuppressed patient dosage | \$82.51 |

In the next few weeks, members will be advised to go to any participating pharmacy or PCP to get the flu shot. For the pneumococcal vaccine, members will be advised to consult with their PCPs. Our member education efforts will continue throughout the season.

Thank you in advance for promoting the importance of flu prevention in your practice as well as to our members during their visit. Together we can help minimize the flu’s impact on patients, their families and the community this flu season.