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**To:** Pharmacists  
All Prescribers  
Nursing Home Administrators  
Managed Care Organizations

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**Subject: Pharmacy Immunization Update**

**Effective dates of service on and after September 1, 2007**, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will:

- Reimburse qualified pharmacists for the administration of all HRSA-covered vaccines for clients on eligible programs.
- Limit Point-of-Sale (POS) vaccine reimbursements to influenza and pneumococcal vaccines for adults.
- Reimburse for GARDASIL® for DSHS clients on eligible programs.

### Changes

**Effective for dates of service on and after September 1, 2007**, pharmacists may bill for all HRSA-covered vaccines and applicable administration fees for clients on eligible programs.

Administration fees and vaccines for adults must be billed on the 1500 Claim Form and may not be billed through the POS system. (**Exception:** Flu and pneumonia vaccines for clients 19 years of age and older.)

### Clients Age 18 and Younger

HRSA pays **only the administration fee** for any vaccine available at no cost from the Department of Health (DOH) through the Universal Vaccine Distribution program and the Federal Vaccines for Children program.

### **How to Check Which Vaccines are Available Free from DOH:**

To check which vaccines are “free from DOH” (this includes certain flu and pneumonia vaccines), refer to the:

#### **Injectable Drug Fee Schedule**

[http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/2007\\_Fee\\_Schedules/July\\_1,\\_2007\\_Injectable\\_FS.xls](http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/RBRVS/2007_Fee_Schedules/July_1,_2007_Injectable_FS.xls)

### **Billing for the Administration of a Vaccine Available Free from DOH**

Bill for the administration by reporting the procedure code for the vaccine given with modifier SL (e.g. 90707 SL);

### **Billing for Vaccines that are not Free from DOH**

Bill as follows:

- Bill for the cost of the vaccine by reporting the procedure code for the vaccine given.
- **Bill for the vaccine administration using either CPT codes 90471-90472.**
- The administration codes must be billed on the same claim as the procedure code for the vaccine.
- DO NOT use modifier SL with these vaccines.
- HRSA limits reimbursement for immunization administration to a maximum of one unit of 90471(one vaccine) and one unit of 90472 (maximum of two vaccines).

### **Clients Age 19 and Older**

DOH does not provide **any** free vaccines for clients age 19 and older.

In these cases, HRSA reimburses for vaccines billed as follows:

- Bill HRSA for the cost of the vaccine using the appropriate vaccine procedure code.  
  
DO NOT use modifier SL with these vaccines. HRSA reimburses is according to HRSA’s maximum allowable fee schedule.
- Bill HRSA the administration fee using either CPT code 90471 or 90472. HRSA limits reimbursement for vaccine administration to one unit of 90471 (one vaccine) and one unit of 90472 (maximum of two vaccines).
- Providers must bill administration codes on the same claim as the procedure code for the vaccine.

## Flu and Pneumonia Vaccines

Pharmacists must continue to bill flu and pneumonia vaccines for clients age 19 and older with national drug codes (NDCs) through the Point-of-Sale (POS) system and the administration codes on the 1500 Claim Form as follows:

HCPCS Code	Description
G0008	Administration of influenza virus vaccine
G0009	Administration of pneumococcal vaccine

### Billing for GARDASIL<sup>®</sup>

HRSA reimburses for GARDASIL<sup>®</sup> (Human Papillomavirus [Types 6,11,16,18] Recombinant Vaccine) when providers bill with CPT code 90649 (H papilloma vacc 3 dose im) in the following manner:

- **For clients age 9-18:**

Because GARDASIL<sup>®</sup> is available free from DOH for these clients, HRSA pays only for the administration of the vaccine and not the vaccine itself.

Bill for the administration by reporting the procedure code for the vaccine given with modifier SL (e.g. 90649 SL).

- **For clients age 19 and 20:**

Bill HRSA for the cost of the vaccine using the appropriate procedure code. DO NOT use modifier SL with these vaccines. Reimbursement is according to HRSA's maximum allowable fee schedule.

Bill HRSA the administration fee using either CPT code 90471 or 90472. HRSA limits reimbursement for vaccine administration to a maximum of two administration codes (e.g., one unit of 90471 and one unit of 90472) per claim.

Providers must bill administration codes on the same claim as the procedure code for the vaccine.

**Note:** HRSA will not reimburse GARDASIL<sup>®</sup> for any other age group.

HRSA only pays for GARDASIL<sup>®</sup> for clients on eligible DSHS programs.

Clients eligible under TAKE CHARGE, Family Planning Only, and the Alien Emergency Medical (AEM) program are not eligible for this service.

## Billing for Infants

**Billing for Infants Not Yet Assigned a Patient Identification Code (PIC):** Use the PIC of either parent for a newborn if the infant has not yet been issued a PIC. Enter indicator **B** in the *Comments* section of the claim form to indicate that the parent's PIC is being used for the infant. When using a parent's PIC for twins or triplets, etc., identify each infant separately (i.e., twin A, twin B), using a *separate claim form* for each.

## Place of Service

**Reminder:** When billing for administration or vaccine services, bill with place of service **01** (pharmacy).

## How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing the WaMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

## How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain HRSA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's web site at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click *Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda* or *Provider Publications/Fee Schedules*).

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