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*Clarification to Change Request (CR) 5744 - Payment Allowance Update for the Influenza Virus Vaccine CPT 90660 and further instruction regarding the Pneumococcal Vaccine Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) 90669*

### Key Words

MM5910, CR5910, R1461CP, MM5744, CR5744, Influenza, Virus, Vaccine, CPT, 90660, 90669, Pneumococcal

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, hospitals, and other providers who bill Medicare Carriers, Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), or Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs) for providing influenza and pneumococcal vaccines to Medicare beneficiaries

### Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is January 1, 2008, except as noted.
- The implementation date is no later than March 24, 2008.
- CR5744 (Payment Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine and the Pneumococcal Vaccine When Payment is Based on 95 Percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP), released October 26, 2007) provided the payment allowances for:
  - Pneumococcal Vaccine CPT codes 90732 and 90669; and
  - Influenza Virus Vaccines CPT codes 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, and 90660.
- CR5910 augments CR5744 by providing additional instructions regarding pediatric pneumococcal vaccine CPT code 90669, and the updated payment allowance for the nasal influenza virus vaccine CPT code 90660.
- These changes are as follows:
  - **CPT Code 90669 – Effective January 1, 2008**, FIs, carriers, and A/B MACs will accept claims containing 90669 for pneumococcal vaccine. In order to facilitate appropriate payment for CPT code 90669 (Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, polyvalent, for children under 5 years, for CPT only copyright 2007 American Medical Association. All rights reserved.

intramuscular use), carriers and A/B MACs will use a payment indicator of "1" and the deductible indicator of "1". Providers should bill Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System code G0009 when billing for services on or after January 1, 2008, for the administration of CPT code 90669.

- **CPT Code 90660** - On September 19, 2007, the Food and Drug Administration approved FluMist for the 2007-2008 influenza season. FIs, carriers, or A/B MACs may cover CPT 90660 (FluMist, a nasal influenza vaccine) if they determine that its use is medically reasonable and necessary for the beneficiary. The Medicare Part B payment allowance for CPT 90660 is \$22.031, effective September 19, 2007, except where the vaccine is furnished in the hospital outpatient department. This supersedes the allowance figure provided in CR5744.

**Note:** All other instructions in CR5744 remain in effect.

- Providers should note that, except when the vaccine is furnished in the hospital outpatient department, the Medicare Part B payment allowance limits for influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are 95% of the AWP, as reflected in the published compendia payment for the vaccine is based on reasonable cost.
- Providers should also note that annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts do not apply. All physicians, non-physician practitioners, and suppliers who administer the influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccinations must take assignment on the claim for the vaccine.
- Medicare contractors will not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims, but will adjust claims that providers bring to their attention.

## Important Links

The related MLN Matters article can be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5910.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction issued (CR5910) regarding this change may be found at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1461CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

Providers might also want to review the MLN Matters article related to CR5744. They can find that article at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM5744.pdf> on the CMS website.

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