



2008 Reminder for Roster Billing and Centralized Billing for Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccinations – JA6121

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Contractors Affected	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare Carriers • Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) • Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs)
Provider Types Affected	Physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Carriers, FIs, and/or A/B MACs for influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations provided to Medicare beneficiaries



- Change Request (CR) 6121 reminds physicians of the requirements to correctly enroll in order to conduct mass immunization roster billing and centralized billing of Medicare for influenza and pneumococcal immunizations.
- **Participation as a centralized biller** is limited to one year and must be renewed annually by contacting the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) central office by June 1 to request participation for the upcoming year.
- **Enrollment for mass immunizers** is ongoing and must be completed through the local A/B MAC or carrier. Mass immunizers submit their claims to the local Medicare contractor. The yearly reapplication process is not required for mass immunizer roster billers.

Provider Needs to Know...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providers who only offer influenza services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May enroll as one of two types of providers, including a mass immunization roster biller (specialty provider type 73) or a centralized biller; and • Must meet the guidelines for being either a mass immunizer or a centralized biller.
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- Suppliers must enroll as a mass immunization roster biller with a carrier or A/B MAC to render influenza vaccination services to Medicare beneficiaries.
 - Mass immunization roster billers and centralized billers must enroll in the Medicare program even if mass influenza and/or pneumococcal immunizations are the only service being provided. They must:
 - Accept assignment on both the vaccine and its administration;
 - Bill only for influenza and/or pneumococcal vaccinations; and
 - Submit claims using the roster billing process.
 - Claims for centralized billers are processed by one Medicare specialty contractor, regardless of the locality where the service was rendered.
 - Centralized billers submit their claims to the designated specialty contractor.
 - Providers and suppliers must enroll using the appropriate CMS 855 provider enrollment form
(http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/02_EnrollmentApplications.asp). Applications are also available from the local contractors.

Note: Medicare Part B pays 100 percent for pneumococcal vaccines, influenza virus vaccines and their administration. The Part B deductible and coinsurance do not apply for influenza virus and pneumococcal vaccine.

- Providers should note the following regarding **the influenza vaccine**:
 - Medicare allows one influenza vaccination per year;
 - For coverage purposes, Medicare does not require that a doctor of medicine or osteopathy order the influenza vaccine and its administration; and
 - The beneficiary may receive the influenza vaccine upon request without a physician's order and without physician supervision.
 - Providers should note the following, regarding **the pneumococcal vaccine**, effective for services furnished on or after July 1, 2000:
 - For coverage purposes, Medicare does not require that a doctor of medicine or osteopathy order the pneumococcal vaccine and its administration; and
 - The beneficiary may receive the vaccine upon request without a physician's order and without physician supervision.
 - **Typically, the pneumococcal vaccine is administered once in a lifetime.** Claims for pneumococcal vaccines are paid for beneficiaries who:
 - Are at high risk of pneumococcal disease, **and**
 - Have not received a pneumococcal vaccine within the last five years, **or**
 - Are revaccinated because they are unsure of their vaccination status.
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| Background | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass immunizers are providers and suppliers who enroll in the Medicare program to offer influenza vaccinations to a large number of individuals. They must be properly licensed in the states in which they plan to operate influenza clinics.• Centralized billers are mass immunizers who have applied to become centralized billers when they operate in at least three payment localities for which there are three different Medicare contractors processing claims. Individuals and entities must be properly licensed in the states in which they plan to operate influenza and/or pneumococcal clinics. |
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Operational Impact	N/A
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The related MLN Matters article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6121.pdf> on the CMS website.

The official instruction (CR6121) regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R366OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

Reference Materials CMS offers a number of free educational products on its Medicare Learning Network (MLN). These products are available on the MLN Preventive Services Educational Products web page located at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/35_PreventiveServices.asp#TopOfPage on the CMS website.

Providers may refer to the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 18, Sections 10-10.5 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c18.pdf> on the CMS website for more information on billing requirements.
