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Payment Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT 90655, 90656, 90657, and 90658) and the Pneumococcal Vaccine (CPT 90732) When Payment Is Based on 95 Percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP)

Note: This article was revised to contain web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians, non-physician practitioners, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare carriers or fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for these vaccines

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

Effective September 1, 2005, when payment is based on 95 percent of the AWP, the Medicare Part B payment allowance for the influenza virus vaccines are as follows: CPT 90655 is \$14.678; 90656 is \$15.818; 90657 is \$6.028; 90658 is \$12.056. Payment for the pneumococcal vaccine (CPT 90732) is \$24.57 (when payment is based on 95 percent of the AWP).



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

Annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts do not apply to these vaccines. Also, remember that all physicians, non-physician practitioners, and suppliers who administer the influenza virus vaccination or the pneumococcal vaccination must take assignment on the claim for that vaccine.

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GO – What You Need to Do

Please take note of this pricing information to ensure accurate claims processing. Your carrier or FI will not search their files to adjust claims that were processed prior to the November 21, 2005, implementation date unless you bring such claims to their attention.

Additional Information

The official instructions issued to your carrier/intermediary regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R185OTN.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have questions regarding this issue you may also contact your carrier or FI at their toll free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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