

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, SeniorCare, Wisconsin Well Woman Program, Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program

To: Federally Qualified Health Centers, HealthCheck Providers, Home Health Agencies, Hospital Providers, Independent Labs, Nurses in Independent Practice, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacies, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Overview of ForwardHealth Coverage of 2009 H1N1 and Seasonal Influenza Services

This *ForwardHealth Update* gives an overview of coverage for providing services related to 2009 H1N1 and seasonal influenza.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus

The following ForwardHealth programs cover medically necessary influenza services (both 2009 H1N1 and seasonal influenza):

- BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan.
- BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Adults with No Dependent Children.
- BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan.
- Express Enrollment for Children.
- Express Enrollment for Pregnant Women.
- Medicaid.
- Wisconsin Well Woman Medicaid.

Covered Influenza Services

Covered influenza services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Administration of both the 2009 H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccine.
- Reimbursement of seasonal influenza vaccine for adults.
- Seasonal influenza vaccine for children if vaccine could not be obtained through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program due to shortages.

- Antiviral medication, such as Tamiflu® or Relenza®.
- Office visits and other medically necessary evaluation and management (E&M) services related to the treatment of influenza.

2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus covers the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine under *Current Procedural Terminology* (CPT) code 90470 (Immunization administration [intramuscular, intranasal], including counseling when performed). Reimbursement for 90470 is only for the administration of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine, since the vaccine is supplied to providers free of charge from the federal government.

The American Medical Association has redefined CPT code 90663 to mean "Influenza virus vaccine, pandemic formulation, H1N1." ForwardHealth will not reimburse for this CPT code because the federal government is supplying the vaccine.

Physicians and Physician Clinics

Physicians and physician clinics may be reimbursed for administering the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine. Providers are required to indicate CPT code 90470 on the 837 Health Care Claim: Professional (837P)

transaction or the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form to be reimbursed for administering the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine.

If an immunization is the only service provided, the lowest level E&M service procedure code may be reimbursed, in addition to procedure code 90470.

Home Health Agencies

Home health agencies may be reimbursed for administering the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine in community vaccination clinics. Providers are required to indicate CPT code 90470 on the 837 Health Care Claim: Institutional transaction or a UB-04 Claim Form to be reimbursed for administering the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine. ForwardHealth does not reimburse for a Home Health skilled nursing visit if administration of the vaccination is the only purpose of the visit.

Pharmacies

Pharmacy providers may be reimbursed for administering the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine. As a reminder, under state law, pharmacists can only vaccinate members who are 18 years or older.

Pharmacy providers are required to indicate CPT code 90470 on an 837P transaction or a 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form. The reimbursement to pharmacy providers for CPT code 90470 includes reimbursement for the administration of the vaccine and an amount equivalent to a brief office visit. The maximum allowable fee for CPT code 90470 for pharmacies will be \$15.00.

Tamiflu® Suspension for Children Enrolled in the Benchmark Plan

Tamiflu® Suspension is covered for children enrolled in the Benchmark Plan. There is currently a shortage of the Tamiflu® suspension. To be reimbursed for compounding Tamiflu® suspension for children,

pharmacies are required to use the following billing procedures:

- Submit a 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form to be reimbursed. (Refer to 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form Completion Instructions for Physician Services in the Submission chapter of the Claims Section of the Physician service area of the Online Handbook.)
- Bill Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code J3490 (unclassified drugs) on the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form.
- Indicate the National Drug Codes (NDCs) and NDC descriptions in the appropriate place for the products being dispensed in the compound drug along with CPT code J3490.
- Indicate the quantities and units of issue of all components of the compound drug on the claim as described in the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form completion instructions.
- Submit the claim with the provider's usual and customary charge, which will also include a compound drug dispensing fee.
- Fax the 1500 Health Insurance Claim Form to Provider Services at (608) 221-0885, Attn: Pharmacy Unit, Tamiflu.

Pharmacies should not charge the Benchmark Plan member for Tamiflu® suspension. Pharmacies are reminded that a copayment of up to \$5.00 applies to all Benchmark Plan prescriptions.

Once the Department of Health Services determines that Tamiflu® Suspension is sufficiently available in the marketplace, these billing procedures will be terminated and pharmacies should return to billing for the Tamiflu® Suspension using the NDC.

For all other benefit plans, providers should continue to submit claims using the NDCs for Tamiflu® Gelscaps and Tamiflu® Suspension where available. Pharmacies should continue to compound Tamiflu® Suspension when necessary.

HealthCheck Agencies

Recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidelines indicate that “health care providers accepting Centers for Disease Control (CDC) funds to immunize all patients, regardless of insurance, will rely on those CDC funds and will not bill Medicaid for the cost of administering H1N1 influenza vaccines.” All local public health agencies are receiving Public Health Emergency Response funds to immunize all patients, regardless of insurance. Local public health agencies include HealthCheck nursing agencies; therefore, ForwardHealth will *not* reimburse HealthCheck agencies for the administration of the H1N1 influenza vaccine.

Copayment for H1N1 Influenza Vaccine and Administration

The federal government has directed state Medicaid programs to not charge members a copayment for services related to the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine. Therefore, providers are prohibited from charging members a copayment for the administration of the vaccine or for the related office visit.

Providers are required to indicate *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification* diagnosis codes V04.81 (Vaccine for influenza) or 488.1 (Influenza due to identified novel H1N1 influenza virus) on claims so that copayment is not deducted from providers' reimbursement for the related office visit. The copayment will be deducted from the provider's reimbursement for the office visit unless either V04.81 or 488.1 diagnosis code is on the claim. The provider may adjust the claim to add either V04.81 or 488.1 to the claim if appropriate. The provider may not collect the copayment from the member.

Limited Benefit Programs

The following limited benefit programs do *not* cover the influenza vaccine, antivirals, or treatment:

- Family Planning Waiver (FPW), including Temporary Enrollment for the FPW.
- Tuberculosis-Related Services Only Benefit.
- Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program (WCDP).
- Wisconsin Well Woman Program.

SeniorCare Members

SeniorCare does cover antiviral medication. SeniorCare does not reimburse for vaccine administration or office visits.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Shortage

The VFC program has reported shortages of the seasonal flu vaccine. ForwardHealth will reimburse for the cost of the vaccine as well as the administration fee if the provider is unable to receive the vaccine from the VFC program and uses private stock vaccine. Bill the appropriate CPT code for the influenza vaccine used and add the modifier "U1" to the claim detail. Providers will then be reimbursed for the vaccine and the administration fee. This policy does not apply to the 2009 H1N1 vaccine.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *Update* contains fee-for-service policy and applies to services members receive on a fee-for-service basis only. For managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization (MCO). Managed care organizations are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements. Members enrolled only in WCDP are not enrolled in MCOs.

The *ForwardHealth Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Wisconsin Well Woman Program is administered by the Division of Public Health, Wisconsin DHS.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or visit our Web site at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/.

P-1250