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# WISCONSIN MEDICAID UPDATE

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TO:  
HealthCheck Agencies

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## Adult Vaccines - Effective June 1, 1995

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### HealthCheck Agencies May be Reimbursed for Certain Vaccines to Adults

Effective for dates of service on and after June 1, 1995, HealthCheck agencies may be reimbursed by Wisconsin Medicaid for the following vaccines when provided to adults:

- Hepatitis B Procedure Code 90731
- Influenza Virus Procedure Code 90724
- Pneumococcal Procedure Code 90732
- Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids Procedure Code 90718

Before this change, Wisconsin Medicaid reimbursed physicians but did not reimburse HealthCheck agencies for these vaccines.

### Coverage Policy - Hepatitis B Vaccines

- ✓ A physician's written order is required for HealthCheck agencies to give Hepatitis B injections to adults.
- ✓ Since providers receive Hepatitis B vaccine from the State of Wisconsin Immunization Program, Wisconsin Medicaid reimburses providers only for the administration fee. Wisconsin Medicaid directly reimburses the State of Wisconsin Immunization Program for the cost of the Hepatitis B vaccine for adults.

### Coverage Policy - Influenza Virus and Pneumococcal Vaccines

- ✓ A physician's order is not required for HealthCheck agencies to give Influenza Virus and Pneumococcal vaccines to adults.
- ✓ Since Influenza Virus and Pneumococcal vaccines are not available through the State of Wisconsin Immunization Program, providers should continue to purchase them from their current source. Wisconsin Medicaid reimburses providers both the cost and administration of Influenza Virus and Pneumococcal vaccines.

### Coverage Policy - Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids Vaccines

- ✓ A physician's order is not required for HealthCheck agencies to give Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids vaccines to adults.

- ✓ Since providers receive Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids vaccine from the State of Wisconsin Immunization Program, Wisconsin Medicaid reimburses providers only for the administration fee. Wisconsin Medicaid directly reimburses the State of Wisconsin Immunization Program for the cost of the Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids vaccine for adults.

### **Billing Procedures**

When Medicare covers these vaccines, you must bill Medicare and be denied payment before billing Wisconsin Medicaid. Since Medicare does not reimburse for Pneumococcal vaccine when given at local health departments without direct physician supervision, you must include a disclaimer code in your billing. When a recipient has both Medicare and Wisconsin Medicaid and you give the Pneumococcal vaccine, you must:

- bill procedure code 90732 by entering it in element 24D of the HCFA 1500 claim form, and
- enter Medicare disclaimer code M-7 in element 11 of the HCFA 1500 claim form. This code indicates Medicare does not cover this service in this situation.

For all vaccines, bill Wisconsin Medicaid your usual and customary charge, which is the amount you charge for the same service when provided to private pay patients. Providers who do not have a usual and customary charge must bill the estimated cost for services provided.