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## *Influenza/Flu Season and Available Resources for Providers*

### Key Words

SE0580, Influenza, Flu, Immunization, MM3936, MM3618, Education, Brochures, Articles, Guide

### Provider Types Affected

Physicians, non-physician practitioners, providers, and other health care professionals who bill Medicare carriers or fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for flu vaccines and vaccine administration

### Key Points

- SE0580 alerts providers to the influenza resources that are available to them and their patients.
- The following are Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) web-based resources included in The Immunization Educational Resource Web Guide, a one-stop shopping location for informational and educational resources related to CMS immunization initiatives:
  - MLN Matters articles – Overview page for all MLN articles is at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNmattersarticles/> on the CMS website. Specifically, providers can view MM3936 and MM3618 at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNmattersarticles/downloads/MM3936.pdf> and <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNmattersarticles/downloads/MM3618.pdf> on the CMS website.
  - Brochures – specifically *Adult Immunizations and Hepatitis Vaccine Benefits*: [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNproducts/downloads/Adult\\_Immunization.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNproducts/downloads/Adult_Immunization.pdf)
  - How to Bill Medicare for Influenza and Pneumococcal Vaccinations: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNproducts/downloads/flupdf.pdf>
  - *Medicare Preventive Services Educational Resource Web Guide*: [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/35\\_PreventiveServices.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/35_PreventiveServices.asp)
  - Quick Reference Information: Medicare Preventive Services: [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS\\_QuickReferenceChart\\_1.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS_QuickReferenceChart_1.pdf)
  - Downloadable Publications: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MLNCatalog.pdf>

- Web-Based Training Modules (WBTs):  
[http://cms.meridianksi.com/kc/main/kc\\_frame.asp?kc\\_ident=kc0001&loc=1](http://cms.meridianksi.com/kc/main/kc_frame.asp?kc_ident=kc0001&loc=1)
- The *Immunization Educational Resource Web Guide* is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AdultImmunizations/> on the CMS website.
- Other CMS resources include the following:
  - 2006 Administration Fee Reimbursement Rates:  
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AdultImmunizations/Downloads/0506vaccreimburs033006.pdf>
  - Medicare Preventive Services Influenza/Pneumococcal Immunizations Web Page:  
[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AdultImmunizations/02\\_Providerresources.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AdultImmunizations/02_Providerresources.asp#TopOfPage)
  - Fact Sheets and News Releases Regarding Medicare and Preventives Services:  
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/>
  - Frequently Asked Questions: <http://questions.cms.hhs.gov>.
- Other available resources:
  - The American Lung Association flu center site is located at <http://www.flucliniclocator.org/> on the Internet. This site enables individuals to input their zip code and find a flu clinic location in their area.
  - 2-1-1 Information and Referral Service
  - Influenza Pocket Guides/Information about Vaccines - Although hard copy versions of the Influenza Pocket Guides are no longer available, electronic and camera-ready versions are available, copyright free and can be found at <http://www.immunize.org/pocketguides/> on the Internet.

## Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0580.pdf>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3936.pdf>

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM3618.pdf>

<http://www.flucliniclocator.org/>

<http://www.211.org>

<http://www.airs.org>

<http://www.vaccineinformation.org>