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Payment Allowances for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (Current Procedural Terminology (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)

Key Words

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Provider Types Affected

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

Key Points

- The effective date of the instruction is September 1, 2005.
- The implementation date is November 21, 2005.
- As of 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:
 - CPT 90655 - \$14.678;
 - CPT 90656 - \$15.818;
 - CPT 90657 - \$6.028; and
 - CPT 90658 - \$12.056.
- As of September 1, 2005, when payment is based on 95 percent of the AWP, the Medicare Part B payment allowance for the pneumococcal vaccine (CPT 90732) is \$24.57.
- Annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts do not apply to these vaccines.
- 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.

- Carriers and FIs will not search their files to adjust claims processed prior to the November 21, 2005 implementation date unless such claims are brought to their attention.

Important Links

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM4109.pdf>

The official instructions issued to carriers/intermediaries regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R1850TN.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services website.