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New Influenza Virus Vaccine Code

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians and other providers, including hospitals, Home Health Agencies, and Hospices submitting claims to Medicare contractors (carriers, Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHIs), and Home Health & Hospice Medicare Administrative Contractors (HH&H MACs) for services to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

CR 8473, from which this article is taken, provides instructions for updating payment and Common Working File (CWF) edits to include influenza virus vaccine Common Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 90673 (Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent, derived from recombinant DNA (RIV3), hemagglutinin (HA) protein only, preservative and antibiotic free, for intramuscular use), for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2014, that are processed on or after April 1, 2014. CR8473 also corrects the effective date of code Q2033 from January 1, 2013, to July 1, 2013. You should ensure that your billing staffs are aware of these code changes.

Background

CR 8473, from which this article is taken, provides that (effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2014) Medicare will pay for vaccine CPT code 90673 (Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent, derived from recombinant DNA (RIV3), hemagglutinin (HA) protein only, preservative and antibiotic free, for intramuscular use). All physicians,

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non-physicians practitioners and suppliers who administer the influenza virus vaccination must take assignment on the claim for the vaccine.

Your Medicare contractor will add influenza virus vaccine CPT code 90673 to existing influenza virus vaccine edits and accept it for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2014.

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2014, they will:

- Use the Medicare Part B payment limit for influenza virus vaccine CPT code 90673 according to the April 2014 Part B drug pricing file; and
- Pay for vaccine code 90673 as follows:
 1. Hospitals – Types of Bill (TOB) 12X and 13X, skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) – TOB 22X and 23X, home health agencies (HHAs) – TOB 34X, hospital-based renal dialysis facilities (RDFs) – TOB 72X, and critical access hospitals (CAHs) – TOB 85X based on reasonable cost;
 2. Indian Health Service (IHS) Hospitals – TOB 12X and 13X and IHS CAHs – TOB 85X based on the lower of the actual charge or 95% of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP); and

Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) – TOB 75X and independent RDFs --- TOB 72X based on the lower of actual charge or 95% of the AWP.

Note: In all of the above instances, annual Part B deductible and coinsurance do not apply.

In addition, (effective for dates of service between January 1, 2014 and March 31, 2014) your Medicare contractor:

- Will use local pricing guidelines to determine payment rates for influenza virus vaccine code 90673; and
- Until systems changes are implemented, will hold institutional claims containing influenza virus vaccine CPT codes 90673 (with dates of service on or after January 1, 2014) that they receive before April 1, 2014. Once the system changes described in CR8473 are implemented, these claims will be released for processing.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8473, issued to your MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2824CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number, which is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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