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### Implementation of New Influenza Virus Vaccine Code

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#### Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians, other providers, and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

#### What You Need to Know

Change Request (CR) 9876 provides instructions for payment and edits for the common working file (CWF) to include influenza virus vaccine code 90682 (Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (RIV4), derived from recombinant DNA, hemagglutinin (HA) protein only, preservative and antibiotic free, for intramuscular use) for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2017. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these instructions.

#### Background

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2017, influenza virus code 90682 will be payable by Medicare. Annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts do not apply to this code. MACs will:

- Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2017, MACs will pay for code 90682 using the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seasonal

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Influenza Vaccines Pricing at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/VaccinesPricing.html> to determine the payment rate for influenza virus vaccine code 90682.

- Pay for vaccine code 90682 on institutional claims as follows:
  - 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
  - Indian Health Service (IHS) Hospitals – TOB 12X, and 13X, IHS CAHs – TOB 85X, and hospices (81X and 82X) based on the lower of the actual charge or 95 percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP)
  - Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) – TOB 75X, and independent RDFs – TOB 72X, based on the lower of actual charge or 95 percent of the AWP
- MACs will pay at discretion claims for code 90682 with dates of service July 1, 2017, through July 31, 2017.
- MACs will return to the provider (RTP) institutional claims if submitted with code 90682 for dates of service January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017.
- MACs will deny Part B claims submitted with code 90682 for dates of service January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017, using the following messages:
  - Claim Adjustment Reason Code: 181 – “Procedure code was invalid on the date of service.”
  - Remittance Advice Remark Code: N56 – “Procedure code billed is not correct/valid for the services billed or the date of service billed.”
  - Group Code: CO (Contractual Obligation)

In addition, effective for claims with dates of service on or after October 1m 2016, MACs will pay vaccines (Influenza, PPV, and HepB) to hospices based on the lower of the actual charge or 95% of AWP. Coinsurance and deductibles do not apply. Further, MACs will adjust previously processed hospice claims (TOB 81x or 82x) for these vaccines with dates of service on or after October 1, 2016.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 9876, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2017Downloads/R3754CP.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/Review-Contractor-Directory-Interactive-Map/>.

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