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Guidelines for Payment of Vaccines (Pneumococcal Pneumonia Virus (PPV), Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus) and Their Administration Provided by Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribally Owned and/or Operated Hospitals and Hospital-Based Facilities

Note: This article was updated on February 14, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

IHS/Tribally owned and/or operated hospitals, and hospital-based facilities billing Medicare fiscal intermediaries (FIs) for Pneumococcal Pneumonia Virus, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus vaccines and their administration

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 3967, which provides guidelines for payment of vaccines (Pneumococcal Pneumonia Virus, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus) and their administration at IHS/Tribally owned and/or operated hospitals and hospital-based facilities.

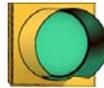


CAUTION – What You Need to Know

CR3967 instructs that payment for these vaccines and their administration (provided by IHS/Tribally-owned and/or operated hospitals and hospital based facilities) must be made based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule to be consistent with other like facilities (rather than the All-Inclusive Rate payment methodology), effective for claims received on or after January 1, 2006.

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GO – What You Need to Do

Please see the *Background* and *Additional Information* sections of this article for further details.

Background

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has noted that vaccines provided as the only service in IHS/Tribally owned and/or operated hospitals and hospital-based facilities have not been billed as a service due to the All Inclusive Rate (AIR) payment methodology.

However, vaccines covered under Medicare Part B are considered to be a separate benefit and should not be included in the AIR. Therefore, effective January 1, 2006, payment for vaccines (PPV, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus) and their administration provided by IHS/Tribal facilities should be billed separately from the AIR.

Payment Information

CR3967 includes the following information for the payment of PPV, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus vaccines and their administration by IHS/Tribal hospital and hospital-based facilities:

- Medicare's claim processing system will accept and process the following:
 - Type of Bill (TOB) 12X, 13X, 83X, and 85X claims for vaccines (PPV, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus) and their administration that are submitted by IHS/Tribal facilities (effective January 1, 2006). The payment for these vaccines and their administration must be calculated separately from the AIR;
 - Type of Bills (TOBs) 12X, 13X, 83X, and 85X for these vaccines and their administration based on the applicable Revenue Codes (RCs) and the appropriate Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes listed in Chapter 18, Section 10.2 of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Pub. 100-04); and
 - Roster claims for vaccines (PPV and Influenza Virus) based on the instructions in Chapter 18 Section 10.3.2 of the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Pub. 100-04).

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- TrailBlazer Health (the IHS Medicare Part A Intermediary and Part B Carrier) will:
 - Pay for vaccines (PPV, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus) and vaccine administration (PPV, Influenza Virus, and Hepatitis B Virus) to IHS/Tribal hospitals and hospital-based facilities based on the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). This payment will be separate from the AIR;
 - Calculate and apply the appropriate coinsurance and Medicare deductible amounts to claims for Hepatitis B Virus vaccine and its administration; and

Note: Coinsurance and Medicare deductibles do not apply to PPV and Influenza Virus vaccines.

Pay claims according to CR3967 for claims received on or after January 1, 2006.

Should providers submit claims that are processed prior to January 1, 2006, the intermediary will make adjustments, but only if the provider brings such claims to the attention of the intermediary.

Additional Information

Please refer to the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Pub. 100-04), Chapter 18, Section 10.2.1 for appropriate HCPCS coding and Section 10.2.2 for appropriate revenue coding. This may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c18.pdf> on the CMS website

In addition, Chapter 18, Section 10.2, explains when Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) edits are bypassed by Common Working File (CWF) and FISS for PPV or Influenza Virus vaccine bills. Chapter 25 of the same manual provides general billing instructions for vaccines. Portions of this manual revised by CR3967 are attached to the CR.

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your FI regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed by going to <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R681CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your FI at their toll-free number, which may be found 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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