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## **Payment Update and Common Working File (CWF) Editing for Influenza Virus Vaccine and Pneumococcal Vaccine (PPV) Codes**

**Note:** This article was updated on August 16, 2012, to reflect current Web addresses. Previously, it was revised on June 4, 2012, to add a reference to M7794 available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM7794.pdf> for the latest influenza vaccine coding and payment methodology. All other information remains the same.

### **Provider Types Affected**

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for all physicians, providers and suppliers submitting claims to Medicare contractors (Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), carriers and A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for Medicare beneficiaries receiving influenza vaccines or PPVs.

### **What You Need to Know**

The influenza virus vaccine Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code 90662 (Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, enhanced immunogenicity via increased antigen content, for intramuscular use) and PPV HCPCS code 90670 (Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, 13 valent, for intramuscular use) are being added to existing edits to prevent payment duplication for claims processed on or after July 5, 2011. Make sure your coding and billing staff is aware of this change.

### **Background**

In order to prevent duplicate payments for influenza virus vaccine and PPV claims by the same contractor, CMS has implemented a number of edits that were effective for claims received on or after July 1, 2002.

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Change Request (CR) 7128 provides instructions for payment and Common Working File edits to be updated to include influenza virus vaccine HCPCS code 90662 and PPV HCPCS code 90670 for claims processed on or after July 5, 2011.

### Basis for Influenza Vaccine and PPV Payments

- The payment for influenza virus vaccine HCPCS code 90662 and PPV HCPCS code 90670 to hospitals (Types of Bill (TOB) 12X and 13X), skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) (TOBs 22X and 23X), home health agencies (HHAs) (TOB 34X), hospital-based renal dialysis facilities (RDFs) (TOB 72X), and critical access hospitals (CAHs) (TOB 85X) is based on reasonable cost;
- The payment for influenza virus vaccine HCPCS code 90662 and PPV HCPCS code 90670 to Indian Health Service (IHS) hospitals (TOB 12X, 13X) and IHS CAHs (TOB 85X) is based on 95% of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP); and
- The payment for influenza virus vaccine HCPCS code 90662 and PPV code 90670 to Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (TOB 75X) and independent RDFs (TOB 72X) is based on the lower of the actual charge or 95% of the Average Wholesale Price.

Contractors will not search their files to either retract payment for claims already paid or retroactively pay claims. However, they will adjust claims brought to their attention.

### Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR 7128 issued to your carrier, FI or A/B MAC regarding this change may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R2212CP.pdf> on the CMS website. If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI or A/B MAC 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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