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Related CR Release Date: September 3, 2014      Effective Date: August 1, 2014  
Related CR Transmittal #: R3059CP      Implementation Date: No later than November 24, 2014

### **Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2014-2015 Season**

**Note:** This article was revised on September 3, 2014, to reflect a new Change Request (CR). The revised CR corrected the implementation date. In this article the CR release date, transmittal number and link to the CR also changed. All other information remains the same.

#### **Provider Types Affected**

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

#### **Provider Action Needed**

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 8890, which informs MACs about the availability of payment allowances for seasonal influenza virus vaccines. These payment allowances are updated on an annual basis effective August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Make sure that your billing staffs are aware of these changes.

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## Background

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This recurring update notification provides the payment allowances for the following seasonal influenza virus vaccines, when payment is based on 95 percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP).

CPT 90655 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

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CPT 90657 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

CPT 90661 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

CPT 90685 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

CPT 90686 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

CPT 90687 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

CPT 90688 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

HCPCS Q2035 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

HCPCS Q2036 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

HCPCS Q2037 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

HCPCS Q2038 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

Payment for the following CPT or HCPCS codes may be made if your MAC determines its use is reasonable and necessary for the beneficiary, during the effective dates indicated below:

CPT 90654 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

CPT 90662 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

CPT 90672 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

CPT 90673 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015

HCPCS Q2039 Flu Vaccine Adult - Not Otherwise Classified payment allowance is to be determined by the local claims processing contractor with effective dates of 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015.

Payment allowances for codes for products that have not yet been approved will be provided when the products have been approved and pricing information becomes available to CMS.

The payment allowances for pneumococcal vaccines are based on 95 percent of the AWP and are updated on a quarterly basis via the Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Drug Pricing Files.

The Medicare Part B payment allowance limits for influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are 95 percent of the AWP as reflected in the published compendia except where the vaccine is furnished in a hospital outpatient department, Rural Health Clinic (RHC), or Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Where the vaccine is furnished in the hospital outpatient department, RHC, or FQHC, payment for the vaccine is based on reasonable cost.

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Annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts do not apply. All physicians, non-physician practitioners, and suppliers who administer the influenza virus vaccination and the pneumococcal vaccination must take assignment on the claim for the vaccine.

**Note:** MACs will not search their files either to retract payment for claims already paid or to retroactively pay claims prior to the implementation date of CR8890. However, they will adjust claims that you bring to their attention.

## Additional Information

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The official instruction, CR8890, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R3059CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number. That number is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Net-work-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/index.html> under - How Does It Work.

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