



2012 – 2013 SEASONAL INFLUENZA (FLU) VIRUS EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS AND RESOURCES

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MLN Matters Articles:

- **SE1242 “2012-2013 Seasonal Influenza (Flu) Resources for Health Care Professionals”**
<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1242.pdf>,
- **MM8047 “Influenza Payment Allowances – Annual Update for 2012-2013 Season”**
<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM8047.pdf>,
- **MM7884 “New Physician Specialty Code for Centralized Flu”**
<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM7884.pdf>, and
- **MM7794 “New Influenza Virus Vaccine Code”**
<http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM7794.pdf> on the CMS website.

MLN Flu Related Products for Health Care Professionals and their staff:

- **Quick Reference Information: Medicare Part B Immunization Billing Chart**
http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/qr_immun_bill.pdf,

- **Preventive Immunizations Booklet** <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/Preventive-Immunizations-ICN907787.pdf>, and
- **Quick Reference Information: Medicare Preventive Services Chart** http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/PrevntionGenInfo/Downloads/MPS_QuickReferenceChart_1.pdf on the CMS website.

Other CMS Resources

- **Seasonal Influenza Vaccines 2012 Pricing** <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/2012ASPFiles.html>,
- **Immunizations web page** <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/Immunizations/index.html>,
- **Prevention General Information** <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/PrevntionGenInfo/index.html>,
- **CMS Frequently Asked Questions** <http://questions.cms.gov/faq.php>,
- **Medicare Benefit Policy Manual - Chapter 15, Section 50.4.4.2 – Immunizations** <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>, and
- **Medicare Claims Processing Manual – Chapter 18, Preventive and Screening Services** <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c18.pdf> on the CMS website.

Other Resources

The following non-CMS resources are just a few of the many available in which clinicians may find useful information and tools to help increase flu vaccine awareness and utilization during the 2012 – 2013 flu season.

- **Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices** are at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/acip/default.htm> on the Internet.
- **American Lung Association’s Influenza (Flu) Center** is at <http://www.lungusa.org> on the Internet. This website provides a flu clinic locator at <http://www.flucliniclocator.org> on the

Internet. Individuals can enter their zip code to find a flu clinic in their area. Providers can also obtain information on how to add their flu clinic to this site.

- **Other sites with helpful information include:**
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** - <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>,
- **Flu.gov** - <http://www.flu.gov>,
- **Food and Drug Administration** - <http://www.fda.gov>,
- **Immunization Action Coalition** - <http://www.immunize.org>,
- **Indian Health Services** - <http://www.ihs.gov/>,
- **National Alliance for Hispanic Health** - <http://www.hispanichealth.org>,
- **National Foundation For Infectious Diseases** - <http://www.nfid.org/influenza>,
- **National Library of Medicine and NIH Medline Plus** - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/immunization.html>,
- **National Network for Immunization Information** - <http://www.immunizationinfo.org>,
- **National Vaccine Program** - <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo>,
- **Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion** - <http://odphp.osophs.dhhs.gov>,
- **Partnership for Prevention** - <http://www.prevent.org>, and
- **World Health Organization** - <http://www.who.int/en> on the Internet.