

<b>CMS Manual System</b>	<b>Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</b>
<b>Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing</b>	<b>Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)</b>
<b>Transmittal 3908</b>	<b>Date: November 3, 2017</b>
	<b>Change Request 10224</b>

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**SUBJECT: Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2017-2018 Season**

**I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES:** This recurring update notification provides the availability of payment allowances for the following seasonal influenza virus vaccines as updated on an annual basis effective August 1 of each year. The attached recurring update applies to Pub 100-04, Chap 17, section 20.5.9.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2017**

*\*Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 2, 2017 - No later than October 2, 2017; November 1, 2017 – Business Requirement 10224.6**

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**II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS:** (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

<b>R/N/D</b>	<b>CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE</b>
N/A	N/A

**III. FUNDING:**

**For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):**

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**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

**Recurring Update Notification**

# Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Background:** 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).

The Medicare Part B payment allowances below apply for the indicated effective dates:

CPT 90653 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90655 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90656 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90657 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90661 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90685 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90686 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90687 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90688 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

HCPCS Q2035 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

HCPCS Q2036 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

HCPCS Q2037 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

HCPCS Q2038 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

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

CPT 90630 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90654 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90662 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90672 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90673 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90674 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018

CPT 90682 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018.

CPT 90756 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 1/1/2018 - 7/31/2018. Note: Providers and Medicare Administrative Contractors shall use HCPCS Q2039 for dates of service from 8/1/2017 – 12/31/2017. See special note under HCPCS Q2039 for payment amounts for this product prior to 1/1/2018.

HCPCS Q2039 Flu Vaccine Adult - Not Otherwise Classified. Payment allowance is to be determined by the local claims processing contractor with effective dates of 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018. Special note: Until CPT code 90756 is implemented on 1/1/2018, Q2039 shall be used for products described by the following language: influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (ccIIV4), derived from cell cultures, subunit, antibiotic free, 0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use. The payment allowance for these products, effective for dates of service 8/1/2017 - 12/31/2017 is pending [Same value as CPT 90756]. Contractors shall use the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing webpage to obtain the payment allowance for these products.

Payment allowances for codes for which products 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.

**B. Policy:** 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.

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.

## II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

*"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.*

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
10224.1	Contractors shall be aware that Medicare Part B payment allowance for influenza vaccines, except where the vaccine is furnished in the hospital outpatient department, RHC, or FQHC, are as follows:	X	X							

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		A/B MAC		D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B		H H H	F I S S	M C S	V M S	
	<p>CPT 90653 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>CPT 90655 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>CPT 90656 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>CPT 90657 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>CPT 90661 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>CPT 90685 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>CPT 90686 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>CPT 90687 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>CPT 90688 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>HCPCS Q2035 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>HCPCS Q2036 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>HCPCS Q2037 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p> <p>HCPCS Q2038 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018</p>								
10224.2	Contractors shall make payment for the following codes when its use is determined to be reasonable and necessary for the beneficiary. The Medicare Part B payment allowance for these influenza vaccines, except where the vaccine is furnished in the hospital outpatient department, RHC, or FQHC are as follows:	X	X						

Number	Requirement	Responsibility									
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other	
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
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10224.3	The Medicare Part B payment allowance for HCPCS Q2039 shall be determined by contractor discretion unless otherwise specified, effective for dates of service 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018.	X	X								
10224.4	Prior to the implementation of CPT 90756 (that is, during the period for dates of service 8/1/2017 - 12/31/2017), contractors are directed to the Background section of this CR and the CMS Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Pricing webpage, <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/VaccinesPricing">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/VaccinesPricing</a> , for the payment allowance for products that are described as follows: Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (ccIV4), derived from cell cultures, subunit, antibiotic free, 0.5mL dosage.	X	X								
10224.5	CMS will post payment limits for influenza vaccines that are approved after the release date of this CR on the CMS Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing webpage at <a href="http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-">http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-</a>	X	X								

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	Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/VaccinesPricing.html as information becomes available. Contractors shall periodically monitor this webpage and obtain updated payment limits during the 2017 - 2018 influenza season. Effective dates for these vaccines shall be the date of FDA approval.									
10224.6	Contractors shall reprocess any previously processed and paid claims for the current flu season, that were paid using influenza vaccine payment allowances other than the allowances published in the influenza vaccine pricing website for the 2017/2018 season, that began on August 1, 2017. MAC's shall initiate the mass adjustment process to reprocess claims by November 1, 2017, but any MAC that may require more time to meet this deadline should contact their COR for additional direction.	X	X							

### III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
10224.7	MLN Article: A provider education article related to this instruction will be available at <a href="http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/">http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/</a> shortly after the CR is released. You will receive notification of the article release via the established "MLN Matters" listserv. Contractors shall post this article, or a direct link to this article, on their Web sites and include information about it in a listserv message within 5 business days after receipt of the notification from CMS announcing the availability of the article. In addition, the provider education article shall be included in the contractor's next regularly scheduled bulletin. Contractors are free to supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information that would benefit their provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly.	X	X			

### IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A**

*"Should" denotes a recommendation.*

<b>X-Ref Requirement Number</b>	<b>Recommendations or other supporting information:</b>
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**Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information:** N/A

## **V. CONTACTS**

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**Post-Implementation Contact(s):** Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

## **VI. FUNDING**

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