Claims Processing Instructions for the New Pneumococcal 20-valent Conjugate Vaccine Code 90677

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers who bill Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for vaccine services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

In this Article, you’ll learn about:
- A new code for a pneumococcal vaccine
- Where to find pricing for the code
- The basis for Medicare’s payment to institutional providers for this code

Make sure your billing staff knows about new vaccine code 90677, which is effective for Dates of Service (DOS) on or after October 1, 2021.

Background

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine code 90677 (Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, 20 valent (PCV20), for intramuscular use) will be payable by Medicare. This new code will be in the 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database file update and the annual HCPCS update.

Your MAC will use the [CMS Vaccines Pricing webpage](#) to obtain the payment rate for code 90677. Coinsurance and deductible don’t apply.

Your MAC will pay institutional providers for this code based on the Type of Bill (TOB) you use. Here are the 2 payment methods:

1) MACs will pay these institutional providers using reasonable cost if you use the following:
   a. Hospitals (TOBs 12X and 13X)
   b. Skilled Nursing Facilities (TOBs 22X and 23X)
2) MACs will pay these institutional providers based on the lower of the actual charge or 95% of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) if you use:

a. Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (TOB 75X)
b. Independent RDFs (TOB 72X)
c. Indian Health Services (IHS):
   i. Hospitals (TOBs 12X and 13X)
   ii. Hospices (TOBs 81X and 82X)
   iii. IHS CAHs (TOB 85X)

Note: Your MAC will hold your claims containing HCPCS code 90677 with DOS on and after October 1, 2021, that they get before April 1, 2022. Your MAC will process the claims when Medicare systems are ready on April 4, 2022.

More Information

We issued CR 12439 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, contact your MAC.

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