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Quarterly Influenza Virus Vaccine Code Update - January 2019

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

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

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

Change Request (CR) 10871 provides instructions for payment and edits for Medicare's Common Working File (CWF) and Fiscal Intermediary Shared System (FISS) to include and update new or existing influenza virus vaccine codes. This update includes one new influenza virus vaccine code: 90689. Please make certain your billing staffs are aware of this update.

BACKGROUND

Effective for claims processed with Dates of Service (DOS) on or after January 1, 2019, influenza virus vaccine code 90689 (*Influenza virus vaccine quadrivalent (IIV4), inactivated, adjuvanted, preservative free, 0.25mL dosage, for intramuscular use)* will be payable by Medicare. The short descriptor is VACC IIV4 NO PRSRV 0.25ML IM. This new code will be included on the 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database file update and the annual Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) update.

Except as noted below, MACs will use the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing webpage: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/VaccinesPricing.html to obtain the payment rate for 90689.The new influenza virus vaccine code 90689 is not retroactive to August 1, 2018. No claims should be accepted for influenza virus vaccine code 90689 between the DOS August 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018. If claims are received in January 2019 with code 90689 for DOS between August 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018, MACs will follow their normal

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course of action for codes billed prior to their effective date.

Payment Basis for Institutional Claims

MACs will pay for influenza virus vaccine code 90689 with a Type of Service (TOS) of V based on reasonable cost to

- Hospitals (Type of Bill 12X and 13X)
- Skilled Nursing Facilities (22X and 23X)
- Home Health Agencies (34X)
- Hospital-based renal dialysis facilities (72X)
- Critical Access Hospitals (85X)

MACs will pay for influenza virus vaccine code 90689 with a TOS of V based on the lower of the actual charge or 95 percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP), to:

- Indian Service Hospitals (IHS) (12X and 13X)
- Hospices (81X and 82X)
- IHS Critical Access Hospitals (85X)
- Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs) (75X)
- Independent Renal Dialysis Facilities (72X)

Note: In all cases, coinsurance and deductible do not apply.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR10871, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R4127CP.pdf.

If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list.

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