

Provider

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Subject: Billing Instructions for 2007 Flu Vaccine

From: Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage

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To: All Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage providers

Provider Types Affected:

All Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage providers

Passport Health Plan (PHP) Instructions for 2007 Flu Vaccine:

Providers should bill PHP for flu vaccines as normal. Please note the following guidelines:

- **Adult Flu Vaccine:** PHP will reimburse providers \$12.00 (includes vaccine and administration) for the flu vaccine administered to adults over age 18. If your office exhausts its supply of the flu vaccine, please refer PHP members to their local health department or pharmacy flu clinic. To remain consistent with the methodology for other vaccine services, total payment for the service will be reflected on the vaccine code, and the administration code will deny "I91 – Inappropriate Coding Per Contract/Agreement."
- **Children's Flu Vaccine:** The children's flu vaccine is provided through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. All PHP providers are encouraged to participate in this program for their pediatric patients. PHP cannot reimburse VFC vaccines. However, the Plan will continue to reimburse providers \$5.00 for the administration of the children's flu vaccine. To remain consistent with the methodology for other vaccine services and to facilitate encounter submissions from PHP to the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), total payment for the service will be reflected on the vaccine code, and the administration code will deny "I91 – Inappropriate Coding Per Contract/Agreement."
- **Flumist:** PHP will reimburse providers for the Flumist. The use of Flumist does not require a prior authorization.

Passport Advantage (PAD) Instructions for 2007 Flu Vaccine:

Providers should also bill PAD for flu vaccines as normal. Please note the following guidelines:

- **All PAD Members:** PAD will reimburse providers for both the flu vaccine (based on the code billed) and the administration of the flu vaccine (G0008). **Please remember PAD members have a \$0 copay for the flu vaccine.** If your office exhausts its supply of the flu vaccine, please refer PAD members to a local health department or pharmacy flu clinic.
- **Flumist:** PAD will reimburse providers for the Flumist. The use of Flumist requires a prior authorization.

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Relations representative or the Provider Relations department at (502) 585-7943.

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