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Subject: 2009 Billing Instructions for Seasonal Flu Vaccine
From: Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage
Sent: September 16, 2009
To: All Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage Providers

Provider Types Affected:

All Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage Providers

NOTE: The following information pertains only to the seasonal flu vaccine. Information regarding the novel influenza A (H1N1) vaccine will follow as it becomes available.

Passport Health Plan (PHP) Seasonal Flu Vaccine:

Providers may bill PHP for seasonal flu vaccines as normal. Please consult the following guidelines:

- o **Adult Seasonal Flu Vaccine** – Effective September 1, 2009, PHP reimburses providers as follows:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Description</u>
90656	\$23.22	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, for use in members three years of age and above, for intramuscular use.
90658	\$18.22	Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for use in members three years of age and above, for intramuscular use.
90660	\$27.50	Influenza virus vaccine, live, for intranasal use.

The rates above include both the vaccine and the administration of the seasonal flu vaccine, when administered to adults 19 years of age and above. If your office exhausts its supply of the seasonal flu vaccine, please refer PHP members to local health departments or pharmacy flu clinics. 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."

PHP will reimburse providers for Flumist for members between the ages of two and 49. The use of Flumist does not require a prior authorization from PHP. Please note, Flumist is also provided through the VFC, as described on the following page.

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- **Children's Seasonal 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 seasonal flu vaccine. To remain consistent with the methodology for other vaccine services and to facilitate accurate encounter submissions to the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), payment will be reflected on the vaccine code, and the administration code will deny "I91-Inappropriate Coding Per Contract/Agreement."

Passport Advantage (PAD) Seasonal Flu Vaccine:

Providers may also bill PAD for seasonal flu vaccines as normal. Please consult the following guidelines:

- **Seasonal Flu Vaccine** – 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 local health departments or pharmacy flu clinics. The use of the seasonal flu vaccine does not require a prior authorization from PAD.
- **Flumist** – PAD will reimburse providers for Flumist, as indicated for healthy persons between the ages of two and 49. The use of Flumist does not require a prior authorization from PAD.

Questions:

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

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