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Subject: 2009 Billing Instructions for Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine

From: Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage

Sent: October 15, 2009

To: All Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage Providers

NOTE: The following information pertains only to the novel influenza A (H1N1) vaccine. Information regarding the seasonal flu vaccine was previously distributed in a Provider Alert dated September 16, 2009. A copy of this communication is available on the Plan's web site, www.passporthealthplan.com/providercenter.

Provider Types Affected:

All Passport Health Plan and Passport Advantage Providers

Background

As you may know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are providing the novel influenza A (H1N1) vaccine at no cost to all providers. Providers are strongly encouraged to contact their local health departments for information on how to obtain the vaccine and/or how to refer members for vaccination. (Note: Providers in Jefferson County should visit <http://khelps.chfs.ky.gov> to sign up to receive the vaccine.) For those providers administering the H1N1 vaccine, please consult the guidelines below.

Passport Health Plan (PHP) Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine

PHP will utilize the following new HCPCS Codes created by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). These codes are effective for dates of service on and after September 1, 2009.

Effective September 1, 2009, PHP reimburses providers as follows:

<u>HCPCS Code</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Description</u>
G9141	\$5.00	Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (includes the physician counseling the patient/family.)
G9142	N/A	Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, any route of administration.

As the novel influenza A (H1N1) vaccine is being provided at no cost, the rate above reflects reimbursement for the administration of the vaccine only. Please note immunization services must be billed with the diagnosis code V04.81.

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Passport Advantage (PAD) Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Vaccine:

Providers may also bill PAD for the administration of the H1N1 influenza vaccine. Please utilize the two (2) new HCPCS Codes created by CMS.

<u>HCPCS Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
G9141	Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (includes the physician counseling the patient/family).
G9142	Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, any route of administration.

Payment for G9141 will be the same as the payment established for G0008. As the vaccine is provided free to all providers, no payment will be allowed for G9142 and services must be billed with the diagnosis code V04.81.

Also, please remember PAD members have a \$0 copay for the H1N1 vaccine. If your office exhausts its supply of the H1N1 vaccine, please refer PAD members to local health departments. The use of the H1N1 influenza vaccine does not require a prior authorization from PAD.

Questions:

Please visit the CDC web site at http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/public/vaccination_qa_pub.htm for additional information regarding the H1N1 vaccine.

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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