



February 14, 2007

Dear Provider,

Passport Health Plan has recently implemented changes to increase the reimbursement rates and payment methodology for the flu vaccine.

Adult Flu Vaccine

Providers previously received vaccine service reimbursement in two separate payments: \$5.00 for the actual vaccine and \$5.00 for the administration of the vaccine. Thus, the overall reimbursement for the flu vaccine was \$10.00.

Effective September 1, 2006, the Plan increased the reimbursement rate for the adult flu vaccine to \$12.00. 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 Vaccine's for Children (VFC) program. All providers are encouraged to participate in this program for their pediatric patients.

Please note Passport Health Plan cannot reimburse VFC vaccines. However, the Plan will continue to pay for the administration of the children's vaccine at a reimbursement rate of \$5.00. To remain consistent with the methodology for other vaccine services and to facilitate encounter submission from Passport Health Plan to the Kentucky Department for Medicaid 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."

Flumist

The reimbursement rate for authorized services of Flumist will remain at \$22.50. Please remember that the use of Flumist requires a prior authorization.

If you have any questions, please contact the Provider Claims Service Unit at (800) 578-0775.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Schifano". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Denise Schifano
AVP, Provider Relations

