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Transmittal 4124	Date: August 31, 2018
	Change Request 10914

SUBJECT: Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2018-2019 Season

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This recurring update notification provides the availability of payment allowances for the following seasonal influenza virus vaccines as updated on an annual basis, effective August 1 of each year. The attached recurring update applies to Pub 100-04, Chap 17, section 20.5.9.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2018

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: No later than October 1, 2018; November 1, 2018 – Business Requirement 10914.5

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This recurring update notification provides the payment allowances for the following seasonal influenza virus vaccines, when payment is based on 95 percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP).

The Medicare Part B payment allowances below apply for the indicated effective dates:

CPT 90630 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90653 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90655 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90654 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90656 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90657 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90661 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90662 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90672 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90673 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90674 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90682 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90685 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90686 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90687 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90688 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

CPT 90756 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

HCPCS Q2035 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

HCPCS Q2036 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

HCPCS Q2037 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

HCPCS Q2038 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019

Payment allowances for codes for which products have not yet been approved will be provided when the products have been approved and pricing information becomes available to CMS.

The payment allowances for pneumococcal vaccines are based on 95 percent of the AWP and are updated on a quarterly basis via the Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Drug Pricing Files.

B. Policy: The Medicare Part B payment allowance limits for influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are 95 percent of the AWP as reflected in the published compendia except where the vaccine is furnished in a hospital outpatient department, Rural Health Clinic (RHC), or Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Where the vaccine is furnished in the hospital outpatient department, RHC, or FQHC, payment for the vaccine is based on reasonable cost.

Annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts do not apply. All physicians, non-physician practitioners and suppliers who administer the influenza virus vaccination and the pneumococcal vaccination must take assignment on the claim for the vaccine.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
10914.1	<p>Contractors shall be aware that Medicare Part B payment allowance for influenza vaccines, except where the vaccine is furnished in the hospital outpatient department, RHC, or FQHC, are as follows:</p> <p>CPT 90630 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90653 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90655 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90654 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90656 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p>	X	X							

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		A/B MAC		D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B		H H H	F I S S	M C S	V M S	
	<p>CPT 90657 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90661 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90662 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90672 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90673 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90674 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90682 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90685 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90686 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90687 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90688 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>CPT 90756 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p>								
10914.2	<p>Contractors shall be aware that Medicare Part B payment allowance for influenza vaccines, except where the vaccine is furnished in the hospital outpatient department, RHC, or FQHC, are as follows:</p> <p>HCPCS Q2035 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>HCPCS Q2036 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p>	X	X						

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		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F		
	<p>HCPCS Q2037 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p> <p>HCPCS Q2038 Payment allowance is pending. Effective dates: 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019</p>										
10914.3	Effective for dates of service 8/1/2018 - 7/31/2019, unless otherwise specified, contractors shall determine the Medicare Part B payment allowance for HCPCS Q2039.	X	X								
10914.4	CMS will post payment limits for influenza vaccines that are approved after the release date of this CR on the CMS Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing webpage at http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/VaccinesPricing.html as information becomes available. Contractors shall periodically monitor this webpage and obtain updated payment limits during the 2018 - 2019 influenza season. Effective dates for these vaccines shall be the date of FDA approval.	X	X								
10914.5	Contractors shall reprocess any previously processed and paid claims for the current flu season, that were paid using influenza vaccine payment allowances other than the allowances published in the influenza vaccine pricing website for the 2018/2019 season, that began on August 1, 2018. MACs shall initiate the mass adjustment process to reprocess claims by November 1, 2018, but any MAC that may require more time to meet this deadline should contact their COR for additional direction.	X	X								

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility		
		A/B MAC	D M E	C E D

		A	B	H H H	M A C	I
10914.6	MLN Article: CMS will make available an MLN Matters provider education article that will be marketed through the MLN Connects weekly newsletter shortly after the CR is released. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1, instructions for distributing MLN Connects information to providers, posting the article or a direct link to the article on your website, and including the article or a direct link to the article in your bulletin or newsletter. You may supplement MLN Matters articles with localized information benefiting your provider community in billing and administering the Medicare program correctly. Subscribe to the "MLN Matters" listserv to get article release notifications, or review them in the MLN Connects weekly newsletter.	X	X			

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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