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	Change Request 12421

SUBJECT: Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2021-2022 Season

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2021
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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: No later than October 1, 2021; for Business Requirement 12421.3.1, November 1, 2021

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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 availability of payment allowances for the seasonal influenza virus vaccines in the CMS Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing webpage: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-Drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/VaccinesPricing.html

Seasonal Influenza Vaccines payment is based on 95 percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP). The Medicare Part B payment allowances apply for the dates indicated as effective dates on the website.

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 also 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 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 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 MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
12421.1	Contractors shall periodically monitor this webpage and obtain updated payment limits during the 2021 / 2022 influenza season. Effective dates for the vaccines will be the date of the Food and Drug Administration	X	X							

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	approval or the dates published in the CMS website. NOTE: CMS will post payment limits for influenza vaccines that are approved for 2021 / 2022 season 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.									
12421.2	Effective for dates of service August 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022, unless otherwise specified, contractors shall determine the Medicare Part B payment allowance for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Q2039.	X	X							
12421.3	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 2021/2022 season, which began on August 1, 2021.	X	X							
12421.3.1	The Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) shall initiate the mass adjustment process to reprocess claims by November 1, 2021, but any MAC that may require more time to meet this deadline should contact their Contracting Officer's Representative for additional direction.	X	X							

III.   PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E MAC	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
12421.4	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	X	X			

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	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.					

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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