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VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) Information

Through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program, federally provided vaccines are available at no cost to public and private providers for eligible children ages 0 through 18 years of age. MO HealthNet enrolled providers must participate in the VFC Program administered by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and must use the free vaccine when administering vaccine to qualified MO HealthNet eligible children. Providers are required to enroll as VFC providers with DHSS in order to bill MO HealthNet for the administration of the vaccine. For more information regarding the specific guidelines of the VFC Program contact the following:

Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance
MO Department of Health and Senior Services
Section for Disease Prevention
PO Box 570

Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570
(800) 219-3224 or (573) 751-6124

<http://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/vfc-providers.php>

Provider based Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) may not separately bill for the administration of an injection regardless of whether or not there is an encounter with a core service provider. The costs for these services are to be included in the RHC and FQHC cost reports.

VFC COVERAGE

The DHSS is now offering an additional vaccine to providers enrolled in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. MO HealthNet reimbursement for the administration of the additional vaccine is effective for dates of service September 12, 2014 and after. The additional vaccine provided through the VFC program is:

- Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use. The administration procedure code is 90688 SL.

MO HealthNet reimbursement for the administration of this vaccine is \$5.00.

Administration procedure code 90655 SL (Influenza virus vaccine, trivalent, split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use) is no longer a valid VFC code and will be made non-payable effective August 31, 2014. Although it is still a valid Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) procedure code, it is no longer a valid VFC vaccine.

MO HEALTHNET MANAGED CARE MEMBERS

MO HealthNet Managed Care health plans and their providers must use the VFC vaccine for MO HealthNet eligible health plan members when available. Managed Care health plan providers must enroll in the VFC program through the DHSS. Providers should contact the appropriate MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan for proper billing procedures.

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896