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ADDITIONAL VFC VACCINES

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) will be offering three additional vaccines to providers enrolled in the Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program. Medicaid reimbursement for the administration of these additional vaccines will be effective July 1, 2005. Medicaid enrolled providers who administer immunizations to qualified Medicaid eligible children must participate in the VFC Program administered by the DHSS and must use the free vaccine provided by the DHSS when administering vaccine to these children.

The additional vaccines to be provided through the VFC Program include:

Influenza

Administration Procedure Code 90660SL

- For healthy children and adolescents age 5 years through 18 years, the intranasally administered, live, attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) is an acceptable alternative to the intramuscular trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (TIV).
- Available for the 2005 - 2006 flu season.
- Visit www.cdc.gov/nip/vfc/acip_vfc_resolutions for guidelines.

Meningococcal

Administration Procedure Code 90734SL

- Provided for children and adolescents age 11 years through 18 years.

Td

Administration Procedure Code 90714SL

- Tetanus and diphtheria (Td) adsorbed, **preservative free**, for use in children age 7 years or older, for intramuscular use.

Providers may bill for the administration of the free vaccine by using the appropriate procedure code(s). The Medicaid reimbursement for the administration is \$5.00 per component except for those providers enrolled as Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) or Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The administration fee(s) may be billed in addition to a Healthy Children and Youth (HCY) screen, a preventive medicine service, or in addition to an office visit if a service other than administration of a vaccine was provided to the child. FQHCs and provider-based RHCs should not bill the VFC administration codes but may bill an encounter code or the appropriate level evaluation and management (E/M) code if a medically necessary E/M service is provided in addition to the administration of the VFC vaccine.

VFC VACCINE SHORTAGE

Occasionally, the DHSS advises Missouri Medicaid of a VFC vaccine shortage. When this situation occurs, providers who administer vaccines to eligible children using purchased vaccines may bill Missouri Medicaid for the cost of vaccine using the Pharmacy Claim and the National Drug Code (NDC).

For more information regarding the specific guidelines of the VFC Program contact:

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Section for Communicable Disease Prevention
Vaccines for Children Program
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MC+ Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MC+ Fee-for-Service
- Medicaid Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MC+ Managed Care

Questions regarding MC+ Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MC+ Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MC+ card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 1-800-392-0938 and using Option One.

Provider Communications Hotline
800-392-0938 or 573-751-2896