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CORRECTED NOTICE*

**Pharmacist-Administered Influenza Vaccinations
 Now Covered for Adult Beneficiaries Enrolled in Vermont's
 Publicly Funded Health Care Programs**

Effective September 30, 2011, DVHA-enrolled pharmacies may be reimbursed for injectable influenza vaccinations administered by pharmacists to adults 19 years and older enrolled in Vermont's publicly funded programs. Pharmacists must be certified to administer vaccines in the state of Vermont and must be in compliance with all Vermont laws governing vaccine administration. Failure to comply with all Vermont immunization regulations will subject these claims to recoupment. Reimbursement will be based on either a written prescription or a non-patient specific written protocol based on a collaborative practice agreement per state law. These orders must be kept on file at the pharmacy. The billing pharmacy and the ordering prescriber's NPI is required on the claim for the claim to be paid.

Reimbursement and billing: Under this program, pharmacies are reimbursed for the cost of the vaccine and an administration fee. No dispensing fee is paid for these claims. Pharmacists should bill DVHA using either the paper CMS-1500 claim form or the 837 electronic CMS-1500 claim form. A claim for the vaccine must accompany a claim for administration; therefore these vaccinations cannot be billed at POS through the pharmacy benefit. The appropriate billing codes to be used are as follows:

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description
	INFLUENZA VACCINE CODES
90656	Seasonal Influenza virus vaccine, preservative free, for intramuscular use
90658	Seasonal Influenza virus vaccine, for intramuscular use
	ADMINISTRATION CODES
90471	Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)

***CORRECTION:** For instructions on billing with a CMS-1500 claim form, see the CMS-1500 Manual at: <http://www.vtmedicaid.com/Downloads/manuals.html>

For information on reimbursement please refer to the Fee Schedule on the DVHA website: <http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/claims-processing-1>

If you have additional billing questions, please contact HP provider services at 800-925-1706. For other questions regarding this benefit, please contact a member of the DVHA pharmacy unit at 802-879-5900.