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Important Changes to Administration Fee for Influenza Vaccine

Dear Medicaid Provider,

Effective 8/31/2018, the pharmacy administration fee for influenza vaccine will be changing from \$20.35 to \$16.71. This adjustment is being made to align with changes to the physician fee schedule (CPT code 90471) for adult vaccinations. Pharmacies will continue to be reimbursed for the ingredient cost of the vaccine as well as the administration fee. The same administration fee will be paid for both In-State and Out-of-State pharmacies. Through the pharmacy point-of-sale (POS) system, the pharmacy must submit the code "MA" in the Professional Service Code field in order to receive full reimbursement.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have not published their official recommendations for the 2018/19 season, therefore the list of covered vaccines has not been finalized. Information on these vaccines will be sent in a future communication. For questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to **PBA_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com.** Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.

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