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Dear Medicaid Provider,

Preparation for the 2024/25 influenza (Flu) season is now underway. DVHA-enrolled pharmacies may be reimbursed for injectable influenza vaccinations administered by pharmacists to adults <u>19 years and older</u> who are enrolled in Vermont's publicly funded programs. Pharmacists must be enrolled with Vermont Medicaid, certified to administer vaccines in the State of Vermont and must be compliant with all Vermont laws governing vaccine administration. Failure to comply with all Vermont immunization regulations will subject these claims to recoupment.

Participation in the Vermont Child Vaccine Program (VCVP) is mandatory for providers who wish to provide influenza vaccinations to children under age 19 insured by Vermont Medicaid. Pharmacies who wish to receive reimbursement for administering flu vaccines to Medicaid-eligible children must enroll in the VCVP program. More information about enrollment and forms can be found on the Vermont Department of Health website.

Administration Fee Paid for these Preferred Vaccines, no PA required:

- Afluria<sup>®</sup>
- FluLaval®
- Fluzone®
- Fluarix®

Based on Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations, the following vaccines will also be preferred for members  $\geq$  65 years of age:

- Fluzone<sup>®</sup> High-Dose
- Fluad<sup>®</sup>

Pharmacies are reimbursed for the ingredient cost of the vaccine as well as the administration fee. No dispensing fee is paid for these claims. Through the pharmacy POS system, the pharmacy must submit the code "MA" in the Professional Service Code field for the influenza vaccine claim to receive full reimbursement. Please note there will be NO member copay for influenza vaccines.

Required NCPDP Fields		
NCPDP Field Number	NCPDP Field Description	Required Code
44Ø-E5	Professional Service Code	MA
4Ø7-D7	Product/Service ID	NDC for Flu Vaccine

For questions regarding this benefit, please contact the Optum Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to <u>VermontHD@optum.com</u>. Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.

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