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Dear Medicaid Provider,

Preparation for the 2021/22 Influenza (Flu) season is now underway. DVHA-enrolled pharmacies may be reimbursed for injectable influenza vaccinations administered by pharmacists to adults 19 years and older 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.

Please refer to the Board of Pharmacy website for recent updates to and guidance on the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID 19 (PREP ACT) for Influenza Vaccinations: <https://cms.sec.state.vt.us:8443/share/s/86DUIReyS-ewFsgl-Z1Dng>.

As you know the Third Amendment of the PREP ACT authorizes licensed pharmacists to order and administer, and pharmacy interns to administer, all vaccines recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and approved or licensed by the FDA, to children ages 3 to 18 during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a reminder, **participation in the Vermont Child Vaccine Program (VCVP) is mandatory for providers who wish to provide vaccinations to children insured by Vermont Medicaid.** Therefore, pharmacies who wish to get reimbursed for administering 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. All billing for providers who enroll in VCVP must be done through a medical claim. State supplied vaccines must be billed with modifier SL. Please reference the previous communication for more details on VCVP. [Pediatric Vaccinations Pharmacy Communication.pdf](#) (vermont.gov)

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

- ✓ Afluria® (Quadrivalent)
- ✓ Fluarix® (Quadrivalent)
- ✓ FluLaval® (Quadrivalent)
- ✓ Fluzone® (Quadrivalent)

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 vaccine.

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

For questions regarding this benefit, 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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