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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice
Psychiatrists, Physicians, Mid-Level Practitioners, Pharmacies, Community Mental Health Centers, and Psychological Services Providers

Update

Vaccine Administration by Pharmacists

Influenza vaccine codes have been loaded to the pharmacy system to facilitate administration by pharmacists in advance of the influenza season. Flumist® should not be administered due to concerns by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) regarding effectiveness for the 2016 – 2017 season, and reimbursement is not available.

Vaccines and vaccine administration are covered for adults, aged 19 and over, when administered by a pharmacist. The fee for the first vaccine administered is $21.32 and $13.00 for each additional vaccine that is administered. Note the vaccine administration fee is in lieu of the standard pharmacy dispensing fee. Pharmacies should not bill for a dispensing fee because the Incentive Amount - vaccine administration fee is paid instead of a dispensing fee.

The following NCPDP fields are required for Medicaid to properly reimburse for the vaccine and the administration fee:

- **439-E4 (Reason for Service Code)** – Submit AD (Additional Drug Needed);
- **438-E3 (Incentive Amount Submitted)** – For submitting your usual and customary vaccine administration fee; and

Be careful to submit the correct vaccine unit, which is often less than 1.0.

Contact Information

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