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# Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

## Psychiatrists, Physicians, Mid-Level Practitioners, Pharmacies, Community Mental Health Centers, and Psychological Services Providers

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### 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
- **440-E5 (DUR Professional Service Code)** – Submit MA (Medication Administration).

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

### Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this provider notice, please contact Katie Hawkins at 406.444.2738 or via email at [khawkins@mt.gov](mailto:khawkins@mt.gov) or Dave Campana at 406-444-5951 or via email at [dcampana@mt.gov](mailto:dcampana@mt.gov).

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