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	Change Request 13317

SUBJECT: Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2023-2024 Season

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this recurring update notification Change Request (CR) is to provide the availability of payment allowances for the seasonal influenza virus vaccines as updated on an annual basis, effective August 1 of each year. The attached recurring update applies to publication 100-04, chapter 17, section 20.5.9.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2023

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IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 2, 2023 - No later than September 30, 2023; November 1, 2023 – Business Requirement 3.1

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This recurring update notification provides the availability of payment allowances for the seasonal influenza virus vaccines in the CMS Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing webpage: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-part-b-drug-average-sales-price/vaccine-pricing>.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccines payment is based on 95 percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP). The Medicare Part B payment allowances apply for the dates indicated as effective dates on the website.

Payment allowances for codes for which products have not yet been approved will be provided when the products have been approved and pricing information becomes available to CMS.

The payment allowances for pneumococcal vaccines are also based on 95 percent of the AWP and are updated on a quarterly basis via the Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Drug Pricing Files.

B. Policy: The Medicare Part B payment allowance limits for influenza vaccines are 95 percent of the AWP, as reflected in the published compendia, except where the vaccine is furnished in a hospital outpatient department, Rural Health Clinic (RHC), or Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Where the vaccine is furnished in the hospital outpatient department, RHC, or FQHC, payment for the vaccine is based on reasonable cost.

Annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts do not apply. All physicians, non-physician practitioners and suppliers who administer the influenza virus vaccination must take assignment on the claim for the vaccine.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared- System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	H H H		F I S S	M C S	V M S	C W F	
13317.1	Contractors shall periodically monitor this webpage and obtain updated payment limits during the 2023 / 2024 influenza season. Effective dates for the vaccines will be the date of the Food and Drug Administration approval or the dates published in the CMS website.	X	X							

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		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
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	NOTE: CMS will post payment limits for influenza vaccines that are approved for 2023 / 2024 season on the CMS Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing webpage at https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-part-b-drug-average-sales-price/vaccine-pricing .									
13317.2	Effective for dates of service August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024, unless otherwise specified, contractors shall determine the Medicare Part B payment allowance for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code Q2039.	X	X							
13317.3	Contractors shall reprocess any previously processed and paid claims for the current flu season that were paid using influenza vaccine payment allowances other than the allowances published in the influenza vaccine pricing website for the 2023/2024 season, which began on August 1, 2023.	X	X							
13317.3.1	The Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) shall initiate the mass adjustment process to reprocess claims by November 1, 2023, but any MAC that may require more time to meet this deadline should contact their Contracting Officer's Representative for additional direction.	X	X							

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
		A	B	H H H		
13317.4	Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will market provider education content through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after CMS releases the CR. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 instructions for distributing the MLN Connects newsletter information to providers and link to relevant information on your website. You may supplement MLN content with your local information after we release the MLN Connects newsletter. Subscribe to the “MLN Connects” listserv to get MLN content notifications. You don’t need to separately track and report MLN	X	X			

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			D M E M A C	C E D I
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	content releases when you distribute MLN Connects newsletter content per the manual section referenced above.					

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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