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### **BREAKING NEWS: CPT Codes for 2009 H1N1 Vaccine**

The American Medical Association (AMA) recently announced new/ revised codes specific to the administration of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine.

- **90470—H1N1 immunization administration (intramuscular, intranasal), including counseling when performed.**
  - ◊ The CHP+ State Managed Care Network reimbursement rate for CPT code 90470 will be \$6.50.
- **90663—Influenza virus vaccine, pandemic formulation, H1N1**
  - ◊ Additional reimbursement is not available for this code, and should be used for tracking/reporting purposes only.

Please remember to include the appropriate ICD-9 diagnosis code. For example, V04.81 *Need for prophylactic vaccination and inoculation against certain viral diseases, influenza.*

For more information on these codes, go to the American Medical Association’s Web site at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/h1n1/resources/cpt-codes.shtml>

### *Facility Reimbursement Reminder*

Effective July 1, 2009, reimbursement of covered in-network facility charges for both inpatient and outpatient services are calculated at 44% of billed charges.

### *Routine Newborn Hospitalization Billing*

**Effective December 1, 2009, the CHP+ State Managed Care Network will require that charges for routine newborn hospitalizations with an admission date of December 1, 2009 and after, be billed on the same claim as the mother’s charges.**

In the event the newborn remains in the hospital following the mother’s discharge, the newborn’s charges (beginning on the date of the mother’s discharge), should be billed on a separate claim.

### *Flu Season is Here!*

Flu season is here! The Centers for Disease Control, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that ALL persons who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill or transmitting influenza be vaccinated. **Please offer a flu shot to all CHP+ State Managed Care Network members.**

Reimbursement for the vaccine and administration will be at your contracted rate.

The seasonal flu vaccine is unlikely to provide protection against 2009 H1N1 influenza. The 2009 H1N1 vaccine is expected to be ready this fall and **is not intended to replace the seasonal flu vaccine – it is intended to be used alongside the seasonal flu vaccine.** Individuals may not be charged for the 2009 H1N1 vaccine. You may submit a claim for the

*administration only of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine* for CHP+ State Managed Care Network members and you will be reimbursed at your contracted rate.

The groups recommended to receive the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine include:

- **Pregnant women** because they are at higher risk of complications and can potentially provide protection to infants who cannot be vaccinated;
- **Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age** because younger infants are at higher risk of influenza-related complications and cannot be vaccinated. Vaccination of those in close contact with infants less than 6 months old might help protect infants by “cocooning” them from the virus;
- **All people from 6 months through 24 years of age**
  - ◇ **Children from 6 months through 18 years of age** because we have seen many cases of 2009 H1N1 influenza in children and they are in close contact with each other in school and day care settings, which increases the likelihood of disease spread, and
  - ◇ **Young adults 19 through 24 years of age** because we have seen many cases of 2009 H1N1 influenza in these healthy young adults and they often live, work, and study in close proximity, and they are a frequently mobile population; and,
- **Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.**

### *Online Resources*

**www.chpplusproviders.com** - The CHP+ Provider site is designed specifically for CHP+ State Managed Care Network Providers. Important provider information such as the following can be located on the site:

- Provider Manual;
- Frequently used forms;
- Provider Directories;
- Provider Fee Schedules; and much more.

**www.coaccess.com** - The Colorado Access Web site contains important information for members and providers. Provider information that is available in the *For Our Providers* section includes:

- Important Provider Updates;
- Provider Manuals;
- The Provider Directory;
- The CHP+ State Managed Care Network General Authorization Rules; and
- HIPAA Information.

#### **Secured Provider Tools on www.coaccess.com**

Some of the information available at www.coaccess.com requires a Colorado Access Username and Password.

Secured Information on the site includes:

- Claim Status Lookup;
- Eligibility Verification;
- The Authorization List; and
- The CHP+ State Managed Care Network Clinic Report (for Primary Care Providers).

If you need a Colorado Access Username and Password please follow these instructions:

1. Download the Provider Logon ID Request Form located online at:  
[http://www.coaccess.com/sites/default/files/logon\\_id\\_request.pdf](http://www.coaccess.com/sites/default/files/logon_id_request.pdf)
2. Fax the completed application to (303) 755-2368, or e-mail it to [pns@coaccess.com](mailto:pns@coaccess.com).



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Subject: Child Health Plan *Plus* Hospital Services Agreement, Serious Reportable Events

Dear CHP+ State Managed Care Network Provider:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) plans to adjust reimbursement for hospital claims that include serious reportable events. The objective of the policy is to protect patient safety and ensure high quality care. **As of October 1, 2009**, reimbursement will not be increased for additional costs resulting from the following events also identified for non-reimbursement by Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services for Medicare patients:

1. Foreign object inadvertently left in patient after surgery;
2. Death/disability associated with intravascular embolism;
3. Death/disability associated with incompatible blood;
4. Stage 3 or 4 pressure ulcers after admission;
5. Hospital-acquired injuries: fractures, dislocations, intracranial injury, crushing injury, burn and other unspecified effects of external causes;
6. Catheter-associated urinary tract infection;
7. Vascular catheter-associated infection;
8. Mediastinitis after coronary artery bypass graft surgery;
9. Manifestations of poor glycemic control;
10. Surgical site infection following certain orthopedic procedures;
11. Surgical site infection following bariatric surgery for obesity; and
12. Deep vein thrombosis & pulmonary embolism following certain orthopedic procedures;

In addition, no reimbursement will be made for:

13. Surgery performed on the wrong body part
14. Surgery performed on the wrong patient
15. Wrong surgical procedure on a patient

This policy will include all updates to the serious reportable events list above when put forth and finalized by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

This policy will cover claims submitted under the Child Health Plan *Plus* program. Reimbursements will be adjusted retroactively through the same process currently used for random retrospective claims review.

Patients will not be billed or balance-billed for services related to serious reportable events. The Department will collaborate with hospitals to assure appropriate reimbursement for cases in which a patient receives subsequent care for a serious reportable event in a hospital other than the original site in which the event occurred.

A new contract with the revised reimbursement policy and other revisions will be sent to you for signature in the future.

For questions and concerns, please contact Alan S. Kislowitz at (303) 866-3646.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. P. Heller', is written over a horizontal line.

Child Health Plan *Plus* Director  
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