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MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy has set minimum requirements regarding the administration of medications by licensed Louisiana pharmacists. Currently the Medicaid Program will reimburse enrolled pharmacies when these credentialed pharmacists administer the influenza vaccine.

Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

Pharmacists in Louisiana must be registered by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to administer medications. Louisiana Board of Pharmacy Regulations regarding Prescription Orders to Administer Medications may be found at LAC 46:LIII.521.

Pharmacist Provider Number**Authorized Pharmacists**

Pharmacists who are registered with the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and have the “*Authority to Administer*” must obtain a Medicaid pharmacist provider number in order to bill the Medicaid Program. To confirm or request enrollment, authorized pharmacists should contact the Provider Enrollment Unit. (See Appendix 37.5.4 for contact information.)

National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Pharmacists who have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) must report it to the fiscal intermediary and may include it in the claim submission.

Influenza Vaccine Administration by Pharmacist**Claim Requirements**

The Medicaid Program will reimburse enrolled pharmacies when an immunization is given by a pharmacist who has a Louisiana Board of Pharmacy “*Authority to Administer*”. The administering pharmacist’s Medicaid provider number or his/her NPI must be included on the claim.

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When a prescription for the influenza vaccine is written by a prescribing practitioner, that practitioner's NPI or Medicaid number should be included the claim. When a prescription order does not exist, the vaccinating pharmacist shall enter his/her Medicaid provider number or NPI as the prescriber and submit the claim.

Vaccination Reimbursement

The Medicaid Program reimburses enrolled pharmacies for the administration and the cost of the influenza vaccine for Medicaid recipients who are 19 years of age and older when the administering pharmacist is an enrolled Medicaid provider. No reimbursement of the vaccine or supplies will be made for children under the age of 19. Only the administration fee will be reimbursed for these recipients.

Bypassed Editing

Claims for influenza vaccines will process without edits for the four prescription limit, requirements to bill other insurance and Lock-In.

Copayments

Recipients may not be charged co-payments for the influenza vaccines.

NOTE: See Appendix 37.5.1A for the link to access the Point of Sale User Guide for detailed information regarding the submission of these claims.

Electronic Drug Clinical Inquiry (e-CDI)

Paid claims for administration fees will be posted on the Electronic Clinical Drug Inquiry (e-CDI). When Medicaid reimburses a pharmacy for an administration fee claim, the name of the influenza vaccine and date of payment will be listed. This application is available on the Louisiana Medicaid website.

Vaccination Documentation

Pharmacists must document immunizations administered in the Louisiana Immunization Network for Kids Statewide (LINKS) registry. For additional information, see the Louisiana Department of Health's website. (See Appendix 37.5.4 for contact information.)