

Influenza Season 2009, **December Update**

December 3, 2009

Dear Provider:

Please continue to check your affiliated AHCCCS Contractors' websites for information regarding H1N1 updates, vaccine clinics and vaccine availability.

AHCCCS Contractor Websites

AHCCCS Contractors have agreed to keep their websites updated with, at a minimum, the latest information from Maricopa County, Arizona Department of Health Services, Vaccine For Children Program and the Arizona Partnership for Immunizations.

Information and materials may also be available at: www.FLU.gov;

<http://www.azdhs.gov/> and www.maricopa.gov/Public_Health/HotTopics/h1n1flu/

Flu Shot Locators

"Flu shot finder" resources have been added to the following websites: www.flu.gov, and <http://azdhs.gov/flu/flushotlocator.htm>. a "Google Flu Shot Finder" application is also now available on the www.StopTheSpreadAZ.org website. Website visitors can find flu shot locations by clicking on this icon. It is color coded with red and blue for H1N1 and seasonal flu location finders.

H1N1 Provider Registration

For information regarding registration and to order H1N1 vaccine, please call the Arizona Immunization Program Office at (602) 364-3895.

AHCCCS Claims/Billing Information

1. CPT code 90663 (H1N1 vaccine antigen) is open in the AHCCCS system with code coverage 01 (covered service). *
2. CPT code 90470 (H1N1 administration) is open with code coverage 01 (covered service).
3. Use of CPT code 90663 identifies the vaccine given when billed in conjunction with the administration code 90470.
4. Medicare codes for H1N1 are: G9141 for H1N1 administration and G9142 H1N1 vaccine, are open in AHCCCS system with code coverage 09 (Medicare only) and other appropriate parameters that were approved to be on the codes effective 09/01/2009.
5. Please use the ICD-9 diagnosis code V73.89 for claims related to H1N1 inoculation/vaccination.
6. The V-code V04.81 ("Need for prophylactic vaccination and inoculation against certain diseases--influenza") can be utilized. Note, the 5th digit is mandatory in this code, it cannot be just V04.8.
7. AHCCCS will accept either V code to allow providers who have used V73.89 in the past to continue using it if that is what they are used to doing or allow them to use the more specific V-code for need to vaccinate for flu.

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8. The CDC created two new ICD-9 diagnosis codes: 488.0 and 488.1 for claims related to the treatment of H1N1. These codes should be used for persons that are diagnosed with H1N1 infection.
9. AHCCCS does not reimburse for the antigen.

*AHCCCS does NOT require the FB modifier for the H1N1 CPT code 90663.

AHCCCS Prior Authorization Requirements

Contractors should NOT require PA for H1N1 vaccine administration.

AHCCCS FFS Rate

The AHCCCS FFS vaccine administration rate is set at \$15.43.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call your affiliated AHCCCS Contractors for assistance, i.e. Provider Representative, Quality Management or EPSDT staff.

Thank you!