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All Providers

Update on the Shortage of VFC Hemophilus Influenza B Vaccine

Hemophilus influenza b vaccine (Hib) HbOC conjugate (four-dose schedule) for intramuscular use is still in short supply, resulting from the Hib recall by Merck as of December 12, 2007. Effective February 1, 2009, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is not limiting reimbursement for following Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)¹ codes 90645, 90647, 90648, 90721, and 90748, regardless of availability from the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. This policy allows you to obtain reimbursement for using privately purchased Hib vaccine for VFC-eligible members, even if they do not have a VFC vaccine available because of delays in receiving the VFC supply. If you administer a free VFC vaccine, you should bill the appropriate CPT code, but not charge more than the \$8 VFC vaccine administration fee and not bill the separate administration CPT code.

When administering a privately purchased vaccine that contains Hib as a component, you may bill for the cost of the vaccine and administration. The IHCP-allowable reimbursement is based on the average wholesale price (AWP) of the vaccine. Providers may separately bill an appropriate CPT administration code, 90772-90774 or 90779, in addition to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) CPT code. If an evaluation and management (E/M) code is billed with the same date of service as an office-administered immunization, you should not separately bill the separate administration code. Reimbursement for the vaccine administration is included in the E/M code allowed amount. Separate reimbursement is allowed when the administration of the vaccine is the only service provided and billed by the practitioner. In addition, if more than one immunization is provided on the same date of service, and no E/M code is billed, you may bill a separate administration fee for each immunization that is provided separately, using 90772-90774 or 90779, as appropriate.

You must continue to submit claims to the appropriate delivery system – EDS or Managed Care Organization (MCO) – for each member, regardless of the source of the vaccine stock. Claims are eligible for postpayment review, and you must maintain documentation and invoices related to private stock when substituting for VFC vaccine.

Rural health clinic (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) rates include payment for the vaccine and administration fee and cannot be billed separately on claims submitted to EDS. RHCs and FQHCs must separately verify the billing policy for each MCO to which they submit claims.

Coverage for Radioimmunotherapy Limited to One Reimbursement Per Lifetime

IHCP reminds providers that the codes for radioimmunotherapy in Table 1 below are limited to reimbursement to one per lifetime:

Table 1 – Reimbursement Codes for Radioimmunotherapy – One Reimbursement Per Lifetime

Code	Description
A9542	Indium IN-111 Ibritumomab Tiuxetan, Diagnostic, per Study Dose, Up to 5 Millicuries
A9544	Iodine I-131 Tositiumomab, Diagnostic, Per Study Dose
A9545	Iodine I-131 Tositiumomab, Therapeutic, Per Treatment Dose
A 9543	Yttrium Y-90 Ibritumomab Tiuxetan, Therapeutic, Per Treatment Dose, Up to 40 Millicuries.

Claims billing the above codes in excess of one per lifetime will deny.

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Kinrix and Rotarix Will Be Covered Through VFC

In October 2008, two new vaccines, Kinrix and Rotarix, became available through the Indiana VFC Program. The CPT codes for Kinrix (90696) and Rotarix (90681) vaccines were recently released by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), along with the 2009 HCPC annual updates. The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) is now determining coverage of the 2009 codes. Please refer to future banners pages and bulletins for instructions about resubmitting denied claims.

Mandate of Red Claim Forms

Starting January 19, 2009, paper claims submitted for processing will no longer be typed from images. Therefore, the IHCP will return any claims to the provider (RTP) that are not submitted on the standardized red claim forms. All claims submitted will be scanned into a software that uses an Optical Character Recognition (OCR) program to read the necessary data for claim processing. For this software to work, all claims must be submitted on the red drop-out standardized paper claim forms noted below:

- CMS-1500, version 08-05
- UB-04
- ADA 2006

With this implementation, you should see faster turnaround on paper claims and fewer typing errors.

Physicians, Hospitals, Clinics, Mental Health, and Pharmacy Providers

RespiGam No Longer Eligible for Reimbursement

Effective immediately, the IHCP no longer reimburses for the drug RespiGam (RSV-IVIG), which is no longer manufactured. The following codes are no longer reimbursable: CPT 90379 – *Respiratory Syncytial Virus Immune Globulin (RSV-IGIV), for Intravenous Use* and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System code HCPCS J1565 – *Injection, Respiratory Syncytial Virus Immune Globulin, Intravenous, 50 mg*. The IHCP will continue to provide coverage for Synagis, as detailed in the *IHCP Provider Manual* and [BR200240](#), dated October 1, 2002.

Dental Providers

Pricing for Prefabricated Stainless Steel Crowns

Effective November 25, 2008, the IHCP began covering prefabricated esthetic coated stainless steel crowns (CDT code D2934) for primary anterior teeth only. The service is reimbursed at a Max Fee rate of \$155.86. Members are restricted to one type of crown per tooth, and billing for more than one crown per tooth will result in claim denial.

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