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News Flash – Has Medicare sent you a notice to revalidate your enrollment? If you are not sure, you can find lists of providers sent notices to revalidate their Medicare enrollment by scrolling to the "Downloads" section at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/Revalidations.html> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. That site currently contains links to lists of providers sent notices from September 2011, through January 2012. Information on revalidation letters sent in February will be posted in late March. For ease of reference, the lists are in order by National Provider Identifier and the date the notice was sent.

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Related Change Request (CR) #: CR 7794

Related CR Release Date: April 26, 2012

Effective Date: July 1, 2012

Related CR Transmittal #: R2446CP

Implementation Date: October 1, 2012

New Influenza Virus Vaccine Code

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for physicians and other providers who bill Medicare carriers, fiscal intermediaries (FI), Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MAC) and Regional Home Health Intermediaries (RHHI) for providing influenza virus vaccines to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

Effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2012, Medicare will pay for influenza virus vaccine code Q2034. CR 7794, from which this article is taken, provides instructions for the payment of influenza virus vaccine code Q2034 for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2012, processed on or after October 1, 2012. Annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts do not apply. You should make sure that your billing staffs are aware of this new code for influenza virus vaccine.

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Background

Effective July 1, 2012, your Medicare carrier, FI, A/B MAC, or RHHI will begin accepting influenza virus vaccine code Q2034 (for dates of service on or after that date); and will add it to existing influenza virus vaccine CWF edits. For professional claims, for dates of service of July 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012, your contractor will use local pricing guidelines to determine payment rates for Q2034. After September 30, 2012, professional claims will be paid using the Medicare Part B payment limit for Q2034 according to the established payment rate in the October 2012 Part B drug pricing file.

Processing Institutional Claims

Your contractor will pay for influenza virus vaccine code Q2034 **based on reasonable cost** to:

- Hospitals using type of bill (TOB) 12X and 13X;
- Skilled nursing facilities (SNF) using TOB 22X and 23X;
- Home health agencies (HHA) using TOB 34X;
- Hospital-based Renal Dialysis Facilities (RDF) using TOB 72X; and
- Critical access hospitals (CAH) using TOB 85X.

Your contractor will pay for influenza virus vaccine code Q2034 **based on the lower of the actual charge or 95% of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP)** to:

- Indian Health Service (IHS) hospitals using TOB 12X and 13X; and
- IHS CAHs using TOB 85X.
- Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORF) using TOB 75X; and
- Independent RDFs using TOB 72X.

Until systems are implemented, your contractor will hold institutional claims, containing code Q2034, with dates of service on or after July 1, 2012; and that are received before October 1, 2012. Upon implementation of CR7794 on October 1, contractors will begin to process the held claims.

Additional Information

You can find more information about the new code for influenza virus vaccine (Q2034) by going to CR 7794, located at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2446CP.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier, FI, A/B MAC or RHHI at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS website.

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