

### **Coding and Billing for H1N1 Vaccine and Administration**

As of October 14, 2009 – Revisions will be posted as new information becomes available.

The WSMA has prepared this “quick reference sheet” to provide guidance to our member physicians and their practice staff on appropriate Coding and Billing for H1N1 Vaccine and Administration. The WSMA has created this document based on commentary provided by the predominant health insurers in Washington, and in using materials available from those organizations. Situations in which no commentary was received are noted on this document. Revised versions of this document will be posted on the **WSMA Practice Resource Center** ([www.wsma.org](http://www.wsma.org)) as needed.

As the H1N1 vaccine is being provided as a federally-subsided vaccine, practices must limit their charge for the administration of the vaccine based on the regional Medicare or Medicaid vaccine administration fee.

- For Washington state, Commercial health insurers will calculate payment for 90470 or G9141 using the Medicare Allowable Amount. Generally, no deductible or coinsurance will be applied, but some limited exceptions may occur. See insurer-specific information below.
- The Medicare Part B program will calculate payment for G9141 using the Medicare Allowable Amount, with no deductible or coinsurance applied.
- For Washington Medicaid Healthy Options patients, payment will be calculated for 90470 or G9141 using the state-published Medicaid fee amount. For Medicaid Fee-for-Service will reimburse the vaccine supply code G9142-SL using the state-published Medicaid fee amount.

This information is provided by the **WSMA Practice Resource Center's Coding Hotline**. For questions concerning this and any other coding and billing issues, please contact Michelle M. Lott, CPC, at 206.441.9762 or 1.800.552.0612 or e-mail [mml@wsma.org](mailto:mml@wsma.org).

**Code Descriptions** – from the American Medical Association Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) Editorial Panel and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

#### **CPT Codes**

90470 - H1N1 immunization administration (intramuscular, intranasal), including counseling when performed  
90663 - Influenza virus vaccine, pandemic formulation, H1N1

#### **HCPCS Codes**

G9141 - Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (includes the physician counseling the patient/family)  
G9142 - Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, any route of administration

Payer	Vaccine Administration Codes	Vaccine Product Codes	Diagnosis Codes	General Guidance
Aetna	CPT 90470 HCPCS G9141 (Medicare)	CPT 90663 HCPCS G9142 (Medicare) Per guidance from Aetna, providers do not need to indicate these codes on claims. Accurate coding should include the vaccine codes with a Modifier –SL and a \$0.00 Charge.	V04.81	Co-Payments, co-insurance and deductible will not be applied to the <i>administration</i> of the vaccine. This policy will apply to self-funded plan members unless the plan sponsor decides otherwise.  The actual administration fee is dependent upon the physician’s contract with Aetna and is not available for posting.
CIGNA	CPT 90470 HCPCS G9141 (Medicare)	CPT 90663 HCPCS G9142 (Medicare) Use Modifier - SL on the vaccine code and bill with \$0.00 charge.	V04.81	CIGNA Coverage for H1N1 will cover the costs associated with the administration of the H1N1 vaccine, waiving co-pays, Coinsurance and deductibles. Self Insured Plans administered by CIGNA may not adhere to the coverage policy.
Community Health Plan of Washington				<b>Guidance is pending.</b>
First Choice Health Network				<b>No response received.</b>
WA State Medicaid		HCPCS G9142-SL	V04.81	Bill for the administration by reporting the procedure code for the vaccine given with no actual administration codes. You will need to charge on the HCPCS G9142.  Medicaid reimbursement for administering the H1N1 vaccine will be \$12.94 for either the nasal spray or inoculation versions of the vaccine. <a href="http://www.dshs.wa.gov/mediareleases/2009/pr09165.shtml">http://www.dshs.wa.gov/mediareleases/2009/pr09165.shtml</a>
Medicare	HCPCS G9141 (Medicare)	HCPCS G9142 (Medicare)	V04.81	Payment for G9141 (Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration, will be paid at the same rate established for G0008 (Administration of influenza virus vaccine). Payment will not be made to providers for <u>office visits</u> when the only purpose of the visit is to administer either the seasonal and/or the H1N1 vaccine(s).

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Molina Healthcare	HCPCS G9141	HCPCS G9142-SL (Medicaid)	V04.81	<p>Medicaid (Healthy Options, CHIP, Basic Health Plus, WMIP) – bill with the SL modifier, but still will reimburse the administrative fee of \$12.94, whether with or without the SL modifier. Any CPT codes submitted will be denied.</p> <p>Basic Health – same as Medicaid</p> <p>Molina Medicare Options, Options Plus – Reimbursement of the administration within King County will be \$22.12. Outside of King County, reimbursement will be \$20.43. Any CPT codes submitted will be denied.</p>
Premera Blue Cross	CPT 90470 HCPCS G9141 (Medicare)	CPT 90663 HCPCS G9142 (Medicare) Use Modifier - SL on the vaccine code and bill with \$0.00 charge.		<p>Premera’s systems will recognize the new AMA CPT codes as well as the Medicare codes.</p> <p>To make it simpler for providers, Premera is recommending the use of a single option, preferably the CPT code set.</p>
Regence BlueShield	CPT 90470 HCPCS G9141 (Medicare)	CPT 90663 HCPCS G9142 (Medicare) Use Modifier - SL on the vaccine code and bill with \$0.00 charge.	V04.81	<p>Reimbursement for administration will be \$20.43 or billed charges, whichever is <u>less</u>, according to Medicare reimbursement for Washington, for all Regence members, except those on Healthy Options.</p> <p>Regence is waiving copayments, deductibles and coinsurance for all members. This will apply to self-funded plan members unless the plan sponsor decides otherwise.</p>
Uniform Medical Plan (Basic Health)	CPT 90470 HCPCS G9141 (Medicare)	CPT 90663 HCPCS G9142 (Medicare) Use Modifier - SL on the vaccine code.		<p>The UMP allowed amounts for the new H1N1 vaccine administration codes above are the same as for existing vaccine administration code 90471. As the H1N1 vaccine is being provided at no charge, UMP will not pay providers for the vaccine itself.</p> <p>If other vaccines are administered concurrently, use 90470 with the appropriate add-on code(s).</p>

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United Healthcare*	CPT 90470 HCPCS G9141 (Medicare)	CPT 90663 HCPCS G9142 (Medicare) Use Modifier - SL on the vaccine code.	V04.81	Practices need to bill the vaccine codes at \$0.01 due to the UHC system requirements. No reimbursement for the vaccine will be made.

\*Includes all United Healthcare, SecureHorizons, Evercare, AARP MedicareComplete, and AmeriChoice members.