



## Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2021-2022 Season

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### Provider Types Affected

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This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, providers, and suppliers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for flu shots they provide to Medicare patients.

### Provider Action Needed

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Make sure your billing staff knows about Medicare's payment allowances for the seasonal flu shots available on the [CMS Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing webpage](#).

### Background

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The Medicare Part B payment allowance limits for flu shots are 95% of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP), except where the shot is given in a:

- Hospital outpatient department
- Rural Health Clinic (RHC)
- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)

We base payment for the shot in these 3 places on reasonable cost.

Annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts don't apply.

All physicians, non-physician practitioners, and suppliers who give the flu shot must take assignment on the claim for the shot.

Medicare Part B payment allowances apply for the dates shown as effective dates on the [pricing webpage](#). We'll add payment allowances for codes for other influenza vaccines upon FDA approval and when pricing information is available to us.

**Note:** Your MAC will reprocess paid claims for the current flu season if they used payment

allowances other than those on our [pricing webpage](#) for the 2021-2022 season.

The 2021-2022 season began on August 1, 2021. Your MAC should complete the reprocessing of these claims by November 1, 2021.

Unless we specify otherwise, your MAC will decide the Medicare Part B payment allowance for HCPCS code Q2039 that you provide on dates of service of August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022.

## More Information

We issued [CR 12421](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, contact your [MAC](#).

## Document History

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