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	Change Request 13317

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SUBJECT: Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2023-2024 Season

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: The purpose of this recurring update notification Change Request (CR) is to provide the availability of payment allowances for the seasonal influenza virus vaccines as updated on an annual basis, effective August 1 of each year. The attached recurring update applies to publication 100-04, chapter 17, section 20.5.9.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2023

**Unless otherwise specified, the effective date is the date of service.*

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: October 2, 2023 - No later than September 30, 2023; November 1, 2023 – Business Requirement 3.1

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-Only One Per Row.

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

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IV. ATTACHMENTS:

Recurring Update Notification

Attachment - Recurring Update Notification

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: This recurring update notification provides the availability of payment allowances for the seasonal influenza virus vaccines in the CMS Seasonal Influenza Vaccines Pricing webpage: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-part-b-drug-average-sales-price/vaccine-pricing>.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccines payment is based on 95 percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP). The Medicare Part B payment allowances apply for the dates indicated as effective dates on the website.

Payment allowances for codes for which products have not yet been approved will be provided when the products have been approved and pricing information becomes available to CMS.

The payment allowances for pneumococcal vaccines are also based on 95 percent of the AWP and are updated on a quarterly basis via the Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) Drug Pricing Files.

B. Policy: The Medicare Part B payment allowance limits for influenza vaccines are 95 percent of the AWP, as reflected in the published compendia, except where the vaccine is furnished in a hospital outpatient department, Rural Health Clinic (RHC), or Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Where the vaccine is furnished in the hospital outpatient department, RHC, or FQHC, payment for the vaccine is based on reasonable cost.

Annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts do not apply. All physicians, non-physician practitioners and suppliers who administer the influenza virus vaccination must take assignment on the claim for the vaccine.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DM E MA C	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HH H		FIS S	MC S	VM S	CW F	
13317.1	This business requirement has been deleted.	X	X							
13317.2	Effective for dates of service August 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024, unless otherwise specified, contractors shall determine the Medicare Part B payment allowance for Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code Q2039.	X	X							
13317.3	Contractors shall reprocess any previously processed and paid claims for the current flu season that were paid using influenza vaccine payment allowances other than the allowances published in the influenza vaccine pricing website for the 2023/2024 season, which began on August 1, 2023.	X	X							
13317.3.1	The Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) shall initiate the mass adjustment process to reprocess claims by November 1, 2023, but any MAC that may require more time to meet this deadline should contact their Contracting Officer's Representative for additional direction.	X	X							
13317.4	The Virtual Data Center (VDC) shall have available via the CMS Virtual Data Center (CDC) the vaccine pricing file for Medicare Part B vaccines for the 2023-2024 influenza season.	X	X							VDC
13317.4.1	The contractors shall download the Oct 2023 ASP drug pricing file through the VDC for the 2023-2024 Influenza season.	X	X							VDC
13317.5	The contractors shall retrieve Final File: MU00.@BF12390.ASP.R2.CY23.AUG.M.V0831	X	X							VDC
13317.5.1	The contractors shall retrieve Final File: MU00.@BF12390.ASP.R2.CY23.AUG.M.V0831.FISS	X		X						VDC
13317.6	The contractors shall use the vaccine pricing files to determine the payment limit for claims for payable Medicare Part B vaccines processed or reprocessed on or	X	X							

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
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	after August 1, 2023, with dates of service August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024.									
13317.7	The contractors shall notify CMS of successful receipt via email to price_file_receipt@cms.hhs.gov stating the name of the file received, (e.g., Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLAB), ASP, etc.) and the entity for which it was received (i.e., include states, carrier numbers, quarter, and if Part A, Part B, or both).	X	X							

III. PROVIDER EDUCATION TABLE

Number	Requirement	Responsibility				
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	CEDI
		A	B	HHH		
13317.8	Medicare Learning Network® (MLN): CMS will market provider education content through the MLN Connects® newsletter shortly after CMS releases the CR. MACs shall follow IOM Pub. No. 100-09 Chapter 6, Section 50.2.4.1 instructions for distributing the MLN Connects newsletter information to providers and link to relevant information on your website. You may supplement MLN content with your local information after we release the MLN Connects newsletter. Subscribe to the “MLN Connects” listserv to get MLN content notifications. You don’t need to separately track and report MLN content releases when you distribute MLN Connects newsletter content per the manual section referenced above.	X	X			

IV. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements: N/A

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
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Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

V. CONTACTS

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Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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