



Claims Processing Instructions for the New Pneumococcal 15-valent Conjugate Vaccine Code 90671 and Pneumococcal 20-valent Conjugate Vaccine Code 90677

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Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, suppliers, and other providers who bill Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for vaccine services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

In this Article, you'll learn about:

- A new code for a pneumococcal vaccine
- Where to find pricing for the code
- The basis for Medicare's payment to institutional providers for this code

Make sure your billing staff knows about new vaccine code:

- 90677, which is effective for Dates of Service (DOS) on or after July 1, 2021
- 90671, which is effective for DOS on or after July 16, 2021

Background

Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine code 90677 (Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, 20 valent (PCV20), for intramuscular use) and 90671 (Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, 15 valent (PCV15), for intramuscular use) will be payable by Medicare. The new codes will be in the 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Database file update and the annual HCPCS update.

Your MAC will use the [CMS Vaccines Pricing webpage](#) to obtain the payment rate for code

90677. Coinsurance and deductible don't apply.

Your MAC will pay institutional providers for these codes based on the Type of Bill (TOB) you use. Here are the 2 payment methods:

- 1) MACs will pay these institutional providers using reasonable cost if you use the following:
 - a. Hospitals (TOBs 12X and 13X)
 - b. Skilled Nursing Facilities (TOBs 22X and 23X)
 - c. Home Health Agencies (TOB 34X)
 - d. Hospital-based Renal Dialysis Facilities (RDFS) (TOB 72X)
 - e. Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) (TOB 85X)

- 2) MACs will pay these institutional providers based on the lower of the actual charge or 95% of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) if you use:
 - a. Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (TOB 75X)
 - b. Independent RDFs (TOB 72X)
 - c. Indian Health Services (IHS):
 - i. Hospitals (TOBs 12X and 13X)
 - ii. Hospices (TOBs 81X and 82X)
 - iii. IHS CAHs (TOB 85X)

Note: Your MAC will hold your claims they get before April 1, 2022, containing:

- HCPCS code 90677 with DOS on and after July 1, 2021
- HCPCS code 90671 with DOS on or after July 16, 2021

Your MAC will process the claims when Medicare systems are ready on April 4, 2022. Also, your MAC will initiate a mass adjustment for any claims that rejected with HCPCS 90677 with a DOS from July 1 – September 30, 2021. **They will also adjust rejected claims with HCPCS code 90671 with dates of service from July 16, 2021- March 31, 2022. These adjustments will occur after April 4, 2022.**

More Information

We issued [CR 12439](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

Read MLN Matters Article [MM12723](#) for more current information on pneumococcal vaccines.

For more information, [find your MAC's website](#).

Document History

Date of Change	Description
May 11, 2022	We revised the Article to add a link to MM12723 , which has current information on pneumococcal vaccines. All other information is the same.
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