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**Provider Education Article  
Pneumococcal Vaccine Payment Increase Effective October 1, 2003**

Effective October 1, 2003, the Medicare Part B payment for the pneumococcal vaccine will be increased to the lower of the charge billed to Medicare or \$18.62. Annual Part B deductible and coinsurance amounts do not apply. All physicians, non-physician practitioners, and suppliers who administer the pneumococcal vaccination must take assignment on the claim for the vaccine.

For additional information about immunizations, refer to the Immunizations Quick Reference Guide at [www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/refimmu.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/refimmu.asp).