
CMS Manual System

Pub. 100-20 One-Time Notification

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Transmittal 3

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CHANGE REQUEST 2918

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: This transmittal provides the payment allowances for the influenza virus vaccine (CPT 90658 and CPT 90659) when payment is based on 95 percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP).

NEW/REVISED MATERIAL - EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2003

***IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** October 1, 2003

Disclaimer: The revision date and transmittal number apply only to red italicized material. Any other material was previously published and remains unchanged.

II. SCHEDULE OF CHANGES (R = REVISED, N = NEW, D = DELETED)

R/N/D	CHAPTER/SECTION/SUBSECTION/TITLE
N/A	This One-Time Notification contains payment allowances for the influenza virus vaccine (CPT 90658 and CPT 90659)

III. FUNDING: *Medicare contractors only:

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

	Business Requirements
	Manual Instruction
	Confidential Requirements
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SUBJECT: Payment Amount for the Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT 90658 and CPT 90659) when Payment is Based on 95 Percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

This transmittal provides the payment allowance for CPT 90658 and CPT 90659 when payment is based on 95 percent of the Average Wholesale Price (AWP). The Medicare Part B payment allowance in these situations for CPT 90658 and CPT 90659 is \$9.95 effective September 1, 2003. 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.

Provider Education: Contractors shall inform affected providers by posting either a summary or relevant portions of this document on the Web site within 2 weeks. Also, contractors shall publish this same information in their next regularly scheduled bulletin. If they have a listserv that targets affected providers, they shall use it to notify subscribers that information about the payment amounts for the influenza virus vaccine is available on their Web site. Although the whole virus vaccine (CPT 90659) has not been produced for the 2003 flu season, some providers may bill CPT 90659 for the influenza virus vaccine. Claims submitted with CPT 90659 shall be paid the same as CPT 90658. However, contractors shall institute or continue educational efforts on correct coding for the influenza virus vaccine, namely CPT 90658. Contractors should not promote coding of CPT 90659, regardless of the inclusion of a payment rate for CPT 90659 in CR 2918.

II. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement

"Should" denotes an optional requirement

Requirement #	Requirements	Responsibility
1	Effective September 1, 2003, the Medicare Part B payment allowance for CPT 90658 and CPT 90659 is \$9.95.	Contractors
2	Contractors shall inform affected providers by posting either a summary or relevant portions of this document on the Web site within 2 weeks. Also, contractors shall publish this same information in their next regularly scheduled bulletin. If they have a listserv that targets affected providers, they shall use it to notify subscribers that information about payment for the influenza virus vaccine is available on their Web site.	Contractors

3	Although the whole virus vaccine (CPT 90659) has not been produced for the 2003 flu season, some providers may bill CPT 90659 for the influenza virus vaccine. Claims submitted with CPT 90659 shall be paid the same as CPT 90658. However, contractors shall institute or continue educational efforts on correct coding for the influenza virus vaccine, namely CPT 90658. Contractors should not promote coding of CPT 90659, regardless of the inclusion of a payment rate for CPT 90659 in CR 2918.	Contractors
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III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION & POSSIBLE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

A. Other Instructions: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Instructions

B. Design Considerations: N/A

X-Ref Requirement #	Recommendation for Medicare System Requirements

C. Interfaces: N/A

D. Contractor Financial Reporting /Workload Impact: N/A

E. Dependencies: N/A

F. Testing Considerations: N/A

IV. SCHEDULE, CONTACTS, AND FUNDING

<p>Effective Date: September 1, 2003</p> <p>Implementation Date: October 1, 2003</p> <p>Pre-Implementation Contact(s): Division of Ambulatory Services 410-786-0548</p> <p>Post-Implementation Contact(s): Local regional office</p>	<p>These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.</p>
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