

PROVIDERALERT



To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

Date: October 1, 2022

Subject: Billing Guidelines for Seasonal Flu Vaccine

Summary: Below is important vaccination information in preparation for flu season.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommend annual influenza vaccination for most people 6 months of age and older. Vaccination is especially important for people with certain underlying medical conditions, pregnant women, the very young, and the elderly. We urge you to continue your efforts to vaccinate your patients against influenza. As a Professional Service Provider, your recommendation plays a critical role in a patient's decision to be immunized.

As we prepare for the 2022-2023 flu season, please review the AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana billing guidelines listed below. Participating providers may be reimbursed for administering the seasonal flu vaccine to our members. For a list of codes, please refer to the Louisiana Medicaid Immunization Fee Schedules at http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm.

Flu vaccine reimbursement is made in the following manner:

Age:	Reimbursement:	Where to obtain toxoid:
Adult (Age 21 Years & Older)	Total payment is made through the billing of the toxoid code and the administration code.	Obtain the vaccine and supplies from regular vaccine supplier.
Young Adult (Age 19 through 20 Years)	Total payment is made through the billing of the toxoid code and the administration code.	Obtain the vaccine and supplies from regular vaccine supplier.
Children/Adolescents (Birth through 18 years of age)	Toxoids available through the Vaccines for Children Program will be paid at zero (\$0.00). For these vaccines, reimbursement will be only for the administration of the vaccine, however, the toxoid and administration codes must be billed together to receive payment.	Provided at no cost to you through the Louisiana Department of Health's Vaccine for Children Program (VFC). For more information on VFC go to http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1016

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Centers (RHC) will be paid for encounter codes billed but should report toxoid administration codes for data collection.

Questions: Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007 or your [Provider Network Management Account Executive](#).

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Where can I find more information on COVID-19?

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana has updated its website to streamline communications and important notifications about COVID-19. Please visit <http://amerihealthcaritasla.com/covid-19> for up-to-date information for both providers and members, including frequently asked questions, and important provider alerts from AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of Health.