



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 **2019-2020 flu season**, please review the AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana billing instructions 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](http://www.lamedicaid.com/provweb1/fee_schedules/feeschedulesindex.htm).**

**Flu vaccine reimbursement is made in the following manner:**

| Age:                                                        | Reimbursement:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Where to obtain toxoid:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Adult (Age 21 Years &amp; Older)</b>                     | Total payment is made through the billing of the toxoid code and the administration code.                                                                                                                                                                                 | Obtain the vaccine and supplies from regular vaccine supplier.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Age 19 through 20 Years</b>                              | Total payment is made through the billing of the toxoid code and the administration code.                                                                                                                                                                                 | Obtain the vaccine and supplies from regular vaccine supplier.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Children/Adolescents (Birth through 18 years of age)</b> | 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 <a href="http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1016">http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/1016</a> |

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.