

Attention: All Providers

Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine and Reimbursement Guidelines for 2009/2010

The N.C. Medicaid Program reimburses for vaccines in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). ACIP recommendations on 2009/2010 *H1N1* influenza vaccine can be found on the CDC website at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5810a1.htm?s_cid=rr5810a1_e.

N.C. Distribution Program for the H1N1 Vaccine

The federal government has purchased the H1N1 influenza vaccines to distribute for administration to persons of all ages, based on the established priority groups. H1N1 vaccine will not be available for providers to purchase. The majority of the H1N1 vaccine manufactured is expected to be injectable, with the balance being intranasal. The N.C. Immunization Branch of the Division of Public Health will distribute the H1N1 vaccines to providers.

Reporting the H1N1 Influenza Vaccine and Billing for Administration Costs

The H1N1 **vaccine**, regardless of formulation, **CANNOT** be billed to Medicaid. The CPT code for all formulations of the H1N1 vaccine is **90663**. All providers are required to report the vaccine code, with a charge of \$0.00. Providers **may bill** the N.C. Medicaid Program for the **administration** costs of the vaccines. Because the live **intranasal** seasonal (FluMist, CPT code 90660) **AND** live **intranasal** H1N1 influenza vaccines (CPT code 90663) **CANNOT** be administered simultaneously (same day), Medicaid cannot cover these two procedure codes billed on the same day.

The following tables indicate the vaccine code that must be reported for all of the formulations of the H1N1 influenza vaccine. The tables also indicate the administration codes that can be billed by providers, depending on the age of the recipient. The ICD-9-CM diagnosis for H1N1 influenza vaccine, V04.81, may be billed, as appropriate.

Note: The information in the following tables is **not** detailed billing guidance. Specific information on billing all immunization administration codes for recipients 0 through 20 years of age (6 months through 20 years of age for influenza vaccines) can be found in the [April 2009 Special Bulletin, Health Check Billing Guide 2009](#).

Table 1: H1N1 Influenza Billing Codes for Recipients Age 6 Months through 20 Years of Age

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Use the following CPT procedure code to **report** (with a charge of \$0.00) the H1N1 vaccine administered to a recipient **6 months through 20 years of age**.

Vaccine CPT Code to Report	CPT Code Description
90663	Influenza virus vaccine, pandemic formulation

Private Providers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, and Local Health Departments

The table below includes options for billing H1N1 as the **ONLY** vaccine administered on that day to a recipient 6 months through 20 years of age that day or as an additional vaccine administered that day. An injectable vaccine administered on the same day as an oral or intranasal vaccine should be considered the primary administration code.

Administration CPT Code(s) to Bill	CPT Code Description
90465EP	Immunization administration younger than 8 years of age (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); when the physician counsels the patient/family; first injection (single or combination vaccine/toxoid), per day
90466EP	Each additional injection (single or combination vaccine/toxoid), per day (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). Note: Providers may bill more than one unit of 90466EP as appropriate.
90467EP	Immunization administration younger than age 8 years (includes intranasal or oral routes of administration) when the physician counsels the patient/family; first administration (single or combination vaccine/toxoid), per day. Note: Billing CPT code 90468 for a second administration of an intranasal/oral vaccine when physician counseling was performed is not applicable at this time.
90468EP	Each additional administration (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) per day (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). Note: Billing CPT code 90468 for a second administration of an intranasal/oral vaccine is not applicable at this time.
90471EP	Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)
90472EP	Each additional vaccine (single and combination vaccine/toxoid) (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). Note: Providers may bill more than one unit of 90472EP as appropriate.
90473EP	Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid). Note: Billing CPT code 90474 for a second administration of an intranasal/oral vaccine is not applicable at this time.
90474EP	Each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). Note: Billing CPT code 90474 for a second administration of an intranasal/oral vaccine is not applicable at this time.

Table 2: H1N1 Influenza Billing Codes for Recipients 21 Years of Age and Older

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Use the following CPT procedure code to report an H1N1 influenza vaccine administered to a recipient **21 years of age and older**.

Vaccine CPT Code to Report	CPT Code Description
90663	Influenza virus vaccine, pandemic formulation

Private Providers and Local Health Departments

Use the following codes to bill for an administration fee for recipients 21 years of age or older. The table below includes options for billing H1N1 as the **ONLY** vaccine administered that day or as an additional vaccine administered that day. An injectable vaccine administered on the same day as an oral or intranasal vaccine should be considered the **primary** administration code.

Administration CPT Code(s) to Bill	CPT Code Description
90471	Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)
90472	Each additional vaccine (single and combination vaccine/toxoid) (list separately in addition to primary procedure)
90473	Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid). Note: Billing CPT code 90474 for a second administration of an intranasal/oral vaccine is not applicable at this time.
90474	Each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). Note: Billing CPT code 90474 for a second administration of an intranasal/oral vaccine is not applicable at this time.

For a recipient 21 years of age or older receiving an influenza vaccine, an evaluation and management (E/M) code **cannot** be reimbursed to any provider on the same day that injection administration fee codes are reimbursed unless the provider bills an E/M code for a separately identifiable service by appending modifier 25 to the E/M code.

Note: In addition to local health departments and other identified providers, the federal government is supplying the H1N1 vaccine to federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and rural health clinics (RHCs) at no charge. Therefore, FQHCs and RHCs **cannot** bill Medicaid for the cost of the vaccine for any recipient. Follow the guidelines in the [April 2009 Special Bulletin, Health Check Billing Guide 2009](#) for instructions on billing administration codes for recipients 0 through 20 years of age (6 months through 20 years of age for influenza vaccines) under the C suffix provider number for H1N1 influenza vaccine. For recipients 21 years of age and older seen in an FQHC or RHC, the cost of the administration may be included on the cost report for those recipients.

Private providers, local health departments, FQHCs, and RHCs may bill Medicaid for the administration fee for the H1N1 vaccine administered to Medicaid Pregnant Women (MPW) recipients. Refer to the guidelines above.

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