

Bulletin



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Distribution Physicians, Hospitals, Clinics and Laboratories		

Subject: Injections for influenza agent (G590 and G591)

This bulletin is to advise physicians on proper billing for administering injections for influenza vaccines. Physicians should use the following fee codes whether administering the seasonal influenza agent or the H1N1 agent:

- G590 (injection of influenza agent with visit)
- G591 (injection of influenza agent – sole reason for visit).

Examples:

1. **Patient is attending the physician for a medically necessary service and at the same visit a single flu shot (seasonal or H1N1) is provided.** The appropriate fee code for the assessment service rendered may be claimed, as well as the G590 fee code.
2. **Patient is attending the physician for a medically necessary service and at the same visit a flu shot is provided for both seasonal influenza and H1N1.** The appropriate fee code for the assessment service rendered may be claimed, as well as 2 services for G590.
3. **Patient is attending the physician solely for a single flu shot whether seasonal influenza or H1N1.** The appropriate fee code is G591 (injection of influenza agent – sole reason for visit).
4. **Patient is attending the physician solely for both the seasonal influenza and H1N1 injection.** The appropriate fee codes are G591 (injection of influenza agent – sole reason for visit) plus G590 (injection of influenza agent with visit).

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In order to facilitate the potential for administering both the seasonal influenza and the H1N1, the maximum number of daily services per patient for fee code G590 has been temporarily increased from one to two.

If patients require two immunizations of H1N1 administered on separate visits; physicians are eligible for payment of the appropriate injection code at each visit.

For physicians in affected harmonized Primary Care models (FHN, BSM, GHC, RNPGA, WHA, St. Joseph's, Inner City Health Associates, and Toronto Palliative Care Agreement) these codes will be temporarily removed from the basket of codes and should be billed fee-for-service.