

Notice from the Executive Officer: Pharmacist Administration of Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccine and Claims Submission using the Health Network System

For the 2012-2013 Influenza Immunization Season

For the 2012/2013 season, the publicly funded influenza vaccines available to pharmacies to order and for trained pharmacists to administer by injection are: Agriflu®, Vaxigrip®, Fluad®, and Fluviral®.

DIN	Influenza Product for 2012/2013	Availability
02346850	AGRIFLU® Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Inc	Intramuscular injection. 15 mcg/ 0.5mL; single dose, pre-filled syringe
02223929	VAXIGRIP® Sanofi Pasteur Limited	Intramuscular injection. 15 mcg/ 0.5mL; 5 mL (multi-dose) vial
02362384	FLUAD® Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics, Inc	Intramuscular injection. 15 mcg/ 0.5mL; single dose, pre-filled syringe
02015986	FLUVIRAL® GlaxoSmithKline Inc.	Intramuscular injection. 15 mcg/ 0.5mL; 5 mL (multi-dose) vial

Pharmacies will be reimbursed \$7.50 per eligible claim for the administrative costs associated with the delivery of one of the four publicly funded vaccines. The claim must be submitted through the Health Network System (HNS) using the assigned Drug Identification Number (DIN)

Please refer to the in-depth information fact sheet and frequently asked questions posted on the ministry website at these links:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/drugs/opdp_eo/eo_communiq.html

http://health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/drugs/drugs_program_mn.html

Pharmacy Documentation Requirements:

- Name of Patient
- Name and Lot # of the publicly funded vaccine that was administered
- Time and date the vaccine was administered
- Name and signature of the trained pharmacist who administered the vaccine
- Signed and dated patient consent form

Pharmacies must keep a record of every dose of publicly funded influenza vaccine administered. Pharmacy documentation must be maintained on site at the pharmacy in a readily retrievable format for the purpose of ministry audit and for a minimum of 10 years as part of the patient's health record.

Pharmacy billing procedure for publicly funded influenza vaccines:

- Claims for the administration fee may only be submitted for publicly funded influenza vaccines delivered by trained pharmacists to eligible Ontarians five years of age and older.
- Claims for the administration fee may not be submitted for vaccinations provided by other health-care professionals, such as nurses hired for pharmacy clinics.
- Claims for the administration fee must be submitted using the appropriate DIN. Do not enter a drug cost, mark-up or a dispensing fee.
- Record the lot # and the time and date of the injection in your pharmacy records. Recording vaccine lot numbers and other information is required as per the User Agreement and important in the event of a vaccine recall or an adverse event following the immunization.

For ODB-eligible recipients: The claim submission follows the normal process for submitting claims on the HNS with the following additional information:

- Intervention code 'PS': (Professional Care Services)
- Drug Identification Number (DIN): as per the publicly funded influenza vaccine administered
- Valid Pharmacist ID

For Non-ODB recipients: When submitting a claim for a person who does not have ODB coverage, pharmacists must submit the following information:

- Patient Gender: 'F' = female; 'M' = male
- Patient Date of Birth: Valid YYYYMMDD
- Patient's Ontario Health Card number
- Intervention codes:
 - PS: Professional Care Services
 - ML: Established eligibility coverage (i.e., 1 day of the Plan 'S' coverage)
- Carrier ID: 'S'
- Drug Identification Number (DIN): as per the publicly funded influenza vaccine administered
- Valid Pharmacist ID

Background:

Pharmacists who have successfully completed the required injection training and are registered as such with the Ontario College of Pharmacists (OCP) may administer the publicly funded influenza vaccine injection to eligible Ontarians at participating pharmacies. Required training includes current certification in CPR and First Aid.

Pharmacies that have been approved to provide influenza vaccine under the Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) and have completed an approved *User Agreement for Pharmacies Requesting Publicly Funded Influenza Vaccine* may submit claims for payment using the Ministry's Health Network System (HNS) for eligible Ontario residents who are five years of age and older that have a valid Ontario Health Card.

Please refer to the Public Health Division website for more information on the UIIP: www.ontario.ca/flu or contact UIIP.MOH@ontario.ca

Under the Regulations to the Pharmacy Act, pharmacists are authorized to administer the publicly funded influenza vaccine for injection only and as per the requirements outlined under the UIIP.

Restrictions:

Not applicable for the following situations; other examples may apply

- The publicly funded influenza immunization service fee may not be claimed for residents of long-term care homes, hospital in-patients or other licensed institutions.
- Patients are expected to provide their health card for the service. Should a patient not have a valid Ontario Health Card, pharmacists may refer him/her to the local Public Health Unit for influenza immunization.
- Administration of non-publicly funded vaccine or injection products will not be reimbursed under the UIIP for influenza immunization or through the ODB HNS for the administration fee.
- The ministry does not accept paper claims for pharmacist administered influenza vaccines.
- A pharmacist's recommendation to a physician or a prescriber that a patient get his/her influenza vaccine whether it is publicly funded or not, does not meet the criteria of the Pharmaceutical Opinion Program and is therefore not a billable service under that program.

Reimbursement of Epinephrine Auto-Injection using the Health Network System for Emergency Treatment

In the event of an adverse drug reaction resulting immediately after a pharmacist's administration of the publicly funded influenza vaccine to Ontarians five years of age and older, the ministry will reimburse pharmacies the acquisition cost of epinephrine auto-injection for emergency treatment in the pharmacy or at the immunization location.

Pharmacy Documentation Requirements for Epinephrine Auto-injection

- Name and signature of the pharmacist who administered the epinephrine auto-injection
- Name of the epinephrine auto-injection that was administered
- Name of Patient
- Time and date the epinephrine auto-injection was administered
- Cross-reference to the Vaccine Administration claim for the patient receiving epinephrine

Pharmacies must keep a record when the epinephrine auto-injection was administered for emergency use.

Pharmacy documentation must be maintained in a readily retrievable format for the purpose of ministry audit and for a minimum of 10 years as part of the patient's health record.

Pharmacy billing procedure for Epinephrine Auto-injection:

The acquisition cost of the epinephrine auto-injection will be reimbursed by the Ontario government.

PIN	Epinephrine Product	Cost
09857423	Epipen 1/1000 (1mg/mL) DIN 00509558	\$87.17
09857424	Epipen Jr. 0.5mg/mL DIN 00578657	\$87.17

For emergency use, the epinephrine PIN must be billed as a second claim following the influenza vaccine claim on the same day of service. Please note the cost of the epinephrine auto-injection for this transaction will appear in the dispensing fee field of the claim.

Claims must be submitted using the PIN associated with the epinephrine product. Only the acquisition cost of the drug is eligible for reimbursement. Do not enter the DIN or a mark-up or a dispensing fee.

For ODB-eligible recipients: The claim submission follows the normal process for submitting claims on the HNS with the following additional information:

- Intervention code 'PS': Professional Care Services
- Product Identification Number (PIN): as per the epinephrine auto-injection administered.(see above)
- Valid Pharmacist ID

For Non-ODB recipients: When submitting a claim for a person who does not have ODB coverage, pharmacists must submit the following information as the second claim following the vaccine administration claim:

- Patient's Ontario Health Card number
- Intervention codes PS: Professional Care Services
- Product Identification Number (PIN): as per the epinephrine auto-injection administered (see above)
- Valid Pharmacist ID code must be included with the claim

Restrictions:

Epinephrine auto-injection will not be reimbursed for the following situations (other examples may apply):

- Providing the epinephrine auto-injection to the patient to self-administer or take home (for example: in the event the patient may experience an adverse event after leaving the pharmacy) is not reimbursed by the ministry.
- Pharmacist emergency injection of epinephrine auto-injection that is not due to an adverse drug reaction following the administration of the publicly funded influenza vaccine is not reimbursed by the ministry
- Pharmacist emergency injection of epinephrine auto-injection at a nurse-led pharmacy clinic is not reimbursed by the ministry.
- Pharmacists / pharmacies that are providing any injection or inhalation for the purpose of demonstration or education are not reimbursed by the ministry.
- The ministry does not accept paper claims for epinephrine auto-injection claims submitted for this purpose.