

New York Medicaid Program Pharmacists as Immunizers Shingles Vaccine

Effective October 16, 2012, the administration of zoster (shingles) vaccine to Medicaid FFS non-dual enrollees aged 50 and older by qualified pharmacists employed by, or under contract with, Medicaid enrolled pharmacies is reimbursable under NYS Medicaid pursuant to a patient-specific order by a physician or nurse practitioner. Administration of vaccines must be conducted pursuant to NYS Education Law and regulations.

The following conditions apply:

- Only Medicaid enrolled pharmacies that employ or contract with NYS certified pharmacists to administer vaccines will receive reimbursement for immunization services and products. Pharmacy interns cannot administer immunizations in New York State.
- Services must be provided and documented in accordance to NYS Department of Education laws and regulations. Visit <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pharm/pharmimmunizations.htm> for additional information.
- Reimbursement will be based on a patient specific order. These orders must be kept on file at the pharmacy. The ordering prescriber's NPI is required on the claim for the claim to be paid.
- Consistent with Medicaid immunization policy, pharmacies will bill the administration and cost of the vaccine using the following procedure codes. Please note that NDCs are not to be used for billing the vaccine product. Reimbursement for the product will be made at no more than the *actual* acquisition cost to the pharmacy. Amount paid for administration will be \$13.23. No dispensing fee or enrollee co-payment applies. Pharmacies will bill with a quantity of "1" and a day supply of "1".

Procedure Code	Procedure Description
90736	Zoster Vaccine
90471	Administration of vaccine

Please note that Medicaid managed care and Family Health Plus enrollees continue to access immunization services through their health plans, including through qualified pharmacies that participate in the health plan's network and are approved by the plan to provide immunizations to their members. In addition, dual eligible Medicaid enrollees continue to obtain their immunization services through their Medicare plan.

For questions regarding claims submission, please contact Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) at (800) 343-9000. Questions regarding Medicaid reimbursement of immunizations may be directed to the Medicaid Pharmacy Program at (518) 486-3209 or via e-mail to: PPNO@health.state.ny.us.