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TO: Physicians, Advance Practice Nurses, Midwives, Independent Clinics, and Hospital Outpatient Departments – **For Action**
Health Maintenance Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: NJ-VFC Immunization Administration CPT Code Update

EFFECTIVE: Date of Service on or after July 1, 2011

PURPOSE: To notify providers of recent updates in the 2011 CPT Guide for NJ-VFC immunization administration.

BACKGROUND: The NJ-VFC program offers practitioners the opportunity to receive free vaccines for certain Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare-eligible children less than 19 years of age. In June of 1999, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) terminated Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare fee-for-service (FFS) coverage and reimbursement for vaccines available from the NJ-VFC program. Vaccines for individuals age 19 and over continue to be covered by the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare programs.

DMAHS provides an enhanced children's rate for administration of injectable immunizations and intranasal or oral immunizations that are ordered from the NJ-VFC program and administered to children eligible for Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare. (<https://www.njmmis.com/hospitalinfo.aspx>)

The American Medical Association in the new 2011 CPT Guide has determined that CPT codes 90465, 90466, 90467 and 90468 will be deleted from the CPT nomenclature and replaced with two new codes;

90460 - Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; first vaccine/toxoid component.

+90461 - each additional vaccine/toxoid component (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure).

The CPT codes for vaccine administration 90465, 90466, 90467 and 90468 will be terminated as of 7/1/2011. At this time the Division **will not** activate CPT codes 90460 and 90461.

The CPT codes 90471, +90472, 90473, and +90474 are to be utilized for NJ-VFC covered immunization administrations.

*Remember: Although the provider is receiving the vaccines from the NJ-VFC program, the charge amount(s) for the actual NJ-VFC-covered vaccine(s) and immunization administration CPT code **must** reflect a provider's usual and customary charge.*

NJ-VFC-Covered Immunization(s) Administration CPT Codes:

Use the following administration codes for children under 19 years of age.

90471 Initial vaccine (injection) \$16.18

+ 90472 Each additional injection (per injection administered) \$11.50

90473 Initial vaccine (intranasal or oral) \$12.12

+ 90474 Each additional intranasal/oral administration \$8.43

ACTION: Effective date of Service on or after July 1, 2011, the revised NJ-VFC-covered immunizations administration and billing procedures for Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare FFS individuals.

NJ-VFC-covered immunizations:

- Providers must report both a vaccine administration CPT code and the associated immunization CPT code for the NJ-VFC-covered immunization when requesting payment for the administration fee(s) of NJ-VFC-covered immunizations.
- The date of service reported on the claim for vaccine administration CPT codes 90471 through 90474 **must** be the same as the date of service reported on the accompanying claim for the NJ-VFC-covered CPT code. If the dates are different or missing, the claim will be denied payment by Error Code 778, "No immunization code provided on same date of service."

Non NJ-VFC-covered immunizations:

- For those non-NJ-VFC, covered immunizations, providers shall not submit a separate vaccine administration CPT code as the reimbursement amount for the administration is included in reimbursement for the specific immunization CPT code.

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