

TO: Physicians and Independent Clinics

SUBJECT: Coverage and Reimbursement Policy for TETRAMUNE, a New Childhood Immunization Agent

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

BACKGROUND: TETRAMUNE, a new biological combining the Diphtheria and Tetanus immunization against the four diseases of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and Haemophilus influenza b. The advantage offered by TETRAMUNE when administering the primary immunization series to infants and toddlers, is that it eliminates the need for two separate injections of DTP and Haemophilus b Conjugate Vaccine. However, the use of TETRAMUNE is not recommended when the primary series against Haemophilus influenza b infection was begun with a product other than HibTITER.

ACTION: For dates of service on and after June 1, 1993, the New Jersey Medicaid program shall reimburse physicians and independent clinics for immunization with TETRAMUNE, provided in accordance with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For specific indications and contraindications, including age and periodicity, practitioners are asked to refer to the packet insert provided by the manufacturer.

**BILLING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Providers should use HCPCS W9338 procedure code when billing for immunization with TETRAMUNE. The maximum fee allowance for the HCPCS W9338 (TETRAMUNE) is \$30.27. Providers who are billing for the injection only (i.e. when the biological agent is free) should use HCPCS W9338-52 and will be reimbursed \$2.50.

Medicaid will not reimburse simultaneously for HCPCS W9338 (TETRAMUNE), and HCPCS 90701 (DPT) or HCPCS 90731 (Haemophilus influenza b) immunizations.

Garden State Health Plan policies and procedures remain in effect.

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