

TO: Nursing Facilities, Intermediate Care Facilities/Mental Retardation, State and County Governmental Psychiatric Hospitals, Residential Treatment Centers, and Providers of Pharmaceutical Services

SUBJECT: Influenza Update -1994

PURPOSE: To share with providers this year's Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), on the Prevention and Control of Influenza, Part I, Vaccines, published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), MMWR, May 27, 1994, Vol.43, No. RR-9.

ACTION: The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services would like institutional settings is a high priority. As a result, the Division is sending the attached publication to you for your information. to r

The Pharmaceutical Consultant in the Medicaid District Office can advise you of the procedure if you are not already familiar with the method used in obtaining and billing for a vaccine used in a long term care setting. However, it is important to remember that although the physician orders the immunization for the patient, he and she may not bill for the administration in a health care facility where facility staff normally administers the injection.

This is also a reminder that for dually eligible Medicare/Medicaid recipients, Influenza Virus Vaccine is now reimbursed at 100 percent by MEDICARE. Therefore, in such cases the MEDICARE INTERMEDIARY must be billed for the Influenza Virus Vaccine.

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