

# H1N1 Population Restriction for Vaccine Lifted

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Dear Care1st and ONECare Practitioners and Staff:

Until recently, the H1N1 vaccine was reserved for [priority groups](#) in an effort to protect those who are most susceptible to the flu virus. Now the vaccine is widely available, and virtually every American has access to the vaccine and is encouraged to get vaccinated if they haven't already done so.

Getting vaccinated is a good way to protect yourself and your loved ones this year from the preventable H1N1 flu virus. Now is a perfect opportunity to visit a clinic near you. [Care1st AHCCCS \(Acute and DDD\) and ONECare \(Medicare\) members](#) may obtain the immunization at any mass immunizer that is registered to administer the H1N1 vaccine (Mollen Immunization Clinics and the Department of Public Health are both registered as mass immunizers for H1N1). Please visit the flu locator website at [www.Flu.gov](http://www.Flu.gov) to find the nearest location.

The administration of the H1N1 vaccine is billed as outlined below.

## All Care1st members:

1. *CPT Code for Administration*

Effective 10/1/09 H1N1 vaccine administration, when FDA approved, is billed utilizing CPT-4 code [90663](#). A modifier is NOT required when CPT-4 code 90663 is billed. Prior authorization is NOT required for H1N1 vaccine administration.

2. *ICD-9 Codes*

V73.89 or V04.81 may be billed on claims related to H1N1 [inoculation/vaccination](#). Note, either V code is acceptable on the claim and the 5th digit is mandatory for both codes.

Or

488.0 and 488.1 were created by the CDC for claims related to the treatment of H1N1. These codes are used for [persons that are diagnosed with H1N1 infection](#).

3. *Reimbursement*

Reimbursement for administration of 90663 is \$15.43. Payment is not made to providers for office visits when the only purpose of the visit is to administer either the seasonal and/or the H1N1 vaccine(s).

## ONECare members

1. *CPT Code for Administration*

Effective 10/1/09 H1N1 vaccine administration is billed utilizing HCPC code [G9141](#). A modifier is NOT required and prior authorization is NOT required for H1N1 vaccine administration.

2. *ICD-9 Code*

V04.81 may be billed on claims related to H1N1 [inoculation/vaccination](#). Note the 5th digit is mandatory.

3. *Reimbursement*

Reimbursement for administration of G9141 is \$20.23. Payment is not made to providers for office visits when the only purpose of the visit is to administer either the seasonal and/or the H1N1 vaccine(s).

**Please contact us at the numbers below with any questions. Thank you for your patience and partnership during the flu season. We REALLY APPRECIATE your hard work.**

*Thank you!*