

## Flu Update 2009

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Dear Care1st and ONECare Practitioners and Staff:

Preparations for the 2009/2010 Influenza Season are well under way. The Maricopa County Health Department, Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), Vaccine for Children (VFC), The Arizona Partnership for Immunizations (TAPI) and other community stakeholders partnering together, have been instrumental in developing a State strategic plan for this influenza season. AHCCCS and AHCCCS health plans are working collaboratively with these groups to ensure the community receives accurate and up to date information in a timely fashion.

Please partner with us to ensure all children with special needs or chronic conditions (particularly the DDD population) receive both (Seasonal and H1N1) vaccines as they become available. If you would like a list of Care1st DDD children on your panel, please contact our Quality Management Team at 602.778.1839.

### Ongoing Flu Updates (Seasonal and H1N1 – Swine)

In an effort to reduce the burden of communications coming into your office, AHCCCS health plans will place updates on each health plan website. Your office can also expect to continue receiving updates from other State agencies and associations for both seasonal and H1N1 influenza. You may also access information and materials regarding seasonal flu from the following websites:

1. <http://www.azdhs.gov/>
2. [www.FLU.gov](http://www.FLU.gov)
3. [www.maricopa.gov/Public\\_Health/HotTopics/h1n1flu/](http://www.maricopa.gov/Public_Health/HotTopics/h1n1flu/)

### Seasonal Flu

This notice also serves as a reminder to begin vaccinating your members against seasonal flu as soon as you receive the vaccine. Care1st/ONECare is partnering with Mollen Flu Clinics to offer free flu clinics for the 2009-2010 flu season.

1. Care1st AHCCCS (Acute and DDD) eligible children under the age of 19 must receive the seasonal flu vaccine through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. PCPs and the Mollen HUB location are VFC providers and can provide the vaccine to this age group.
2. Care1st AHCCCS (Acute and DDD) members 19 years and older may obtain the seasonal flu vaccine from their PCP or any Mollen Flu Clinic location
3. Care1st Healthcare Group (HCG) and ONECare members of all ages may obtain the seasonal flu vaccine from their PCP or any Mollen Flu Clinic location
4. Mollen Flu Clinic locations – a complete list is available at [www.FluShotsUSA.com](http://www.FluShotsUSA.com) or by calling the Mollen Flu Shot Clinic Locator at 480.563.0072

### Billing Information (Seasonal Flu):

1. Care1st AHCCCS (Acute and DDD) members under the age of 19 -bill the applicable CPT code with the "SL" modifier
2. Care1st AHCCCS (Acute and DDD) members 19 and older -bill the applicable CPT code
3. Care1st HCG and ONECare members -bill the applicable CPT code. HCG members have a \$25.00 copay and no deductible for the seasonal flu vaccine
4. Payment will not be made to providers for office visits when the only purpose of the visit is to administer either the seasonal or H1N1 vaccine.

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### H1N1 (Swine Flu)

We strongly encourage practitioners to pre-register to receive the H1N1 vaccine when available and to assist public health in getting our community vaccinated. Pre-registration forms can be found at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/flu/h1n1/index.htm>. Fax the forms to 602.364.3232. You may also preregister electronically at the following location: <http://www.azdhs.gov/flu/h1n1/index.htm>. For additional information, please call Arizona Immunization Program Office at 602.364.3895 and please continue to check your affiliated AHCCCS health plan websites for information regarding H1N1 updates, vaccine clinics and vaccine availability.

Care1st AHCCCS (Acute and DDD), HCG and ONECare members meeting criteria to receive the H1N1 vaccine may obtain the immunization at any mass immunizer that is registered to administer the H1N1 vaccine (Mollen and the Department of Public Health are expected to be mass immunizers for H1N1).

### Billing Information (H1N1 – Swine Flu):

All Care1st members (includes AHCCCS (Acute and DDD) and HCG):

1. *CPT Code for Administration*

Effective 10/1/09 (unless the vaccine is made available earlier) H1N1 vaccine administration, when FDA approved, is to be 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 will be used for persons that are diagnosed with H1N1 infection.

3. *Reimbursement*

Reimbursement for administration of 90633 will be \$15.43. Payment will not be 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).

4. *Care1st HCG members* have a \$25.00 copay and deductible is applied for the H1N1 flu vaccine

ONECare members

1. *CPT Code for Administration*

Effective 10/1/09 (unless the vaccine is made available earlier) H1N1 vaccine administration, when FDA approved, is to be 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 will be \$20.23. Payment will not be 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 this year's flu season. We APPRECIATE your hard work.**

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