



Effective January 1, 2008, the Medicare Part D Program will cover the Vaccine Administration Fee associated with the injection of certain Part D vaccines. CMS interprets this statutory requirement to mean that the Vaccine Administration Fee is a component of the total negotiated price, which also includes the agreed upon ingredient cost and dispensing fee (set forth in the applicable Exhibit B's) for Part D vaccines.

CMS Web site:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PrescriptionDrugCovContra/Downloads/MemoVaccineAdministration_05.14.07.pdf

Medicare Part D Vaccine Administration Program Requirements

- Pharmacies administering Part D vaccines, where allowed by state law, shall abide by all such applicable state and federal laws, regulations and guidelines governing vaccine sale and administration.
- To participate in the vaccine administration network, you must sign and return to Prime your Pharmacy Network Agreement **Exhibit B-15**. Pharmacies that have not agreed to Exhibit B-15 are not eligible to submit online claims for vaccine administration.
- The terms and conditions relating to payment for the Prescription Drug Service (including ingredient cost and dispensing fee) for the Part D Vaccine continue to be governed by the applicable Exhibit B, Rates and Terms.
- Pharmacy must submit its claim for the Vaccine Administration Fee to Prime electronically (online), together with the related claim for payment of the applicable ingredient costs and dispensing fee, all **as a single claim**.
- If for any reason you are not submitting a claim for ingredient cost and dispensing fee, but seek reimbursement for the Vaccine Administration Fee, an administration fee-only claim would need to be submitted by the Beneficiary via Paper Claim.

Processing Requirements

- Pharmacy is required to utilize the DUR/PPS segment of the NCPDP telecommunications standard version 5.1 to be entitled to Pharmacy Payment for Vaccine Administration Services.

| Medicare Part D Vaccine Administration Required Fields | | |
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| NCPDP Telecommunications version 5.1 fields | | |
| DUR/PPS Code Counter | Professional Service Code | Incentive Amount Submitted |
| 473-7E | 440-E5 | 438-E3 |
| Value of 1 | MA = Medication Administration | Submitted Incentive Fee |

For More Information

For software set-up information, please visit Prime's Web site at

http://www.primetherapeutics.com/PDF/PayorSheet_MedicarePartD.pdf