

Immunization Guidelines

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Description

Immunization is the process of protecting susceptible individuals from communicable diseases by administration of a living modified agent, a suspension of killed organisms, or an inactivated toxin. Immunization is accomplished through various techniques, most commonly by vaccination. Vaccines against microorganisms that cause disease prepares the body's immune system to enable it to fight off or prevent infection.

Policy

Immunization services are allowed in accordance with the Preventive Care Guidelines within the member's certificate of benefits.

*****NOTE:** Member's benefits may vary according to benefit design; therefore member benefit language should be reviewed before applying the terms of this policy.

Reimbursement Guidelines

Unless specifically excluded by a member's contract, Oscar will allow reimbursement for vaccines formally recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Rationale

If a significantly separately identifiable evaluation and management service is provided at the time of vaccine administration, indicated by appending modifier 25, the evaluation and management service should be reported in addition to the vaccine and toxoid procedure.

Separate reimbursement will be allowed for preventive medicine services 99381-99397.

Separate reimbursement will be allowed for the administration of the vaccine for codes (90460-90474, G0008-G0010).

Coding



CPT® / HCPCS Code / Modifier	Description
90476-90759	Vaccines, Toxoids
90460-90474	Vaccine administration
G0008	Administration of influenza virus vaccine
G0009	Administration of pneumococcal vaccine
G0010	Administration of hepatitis B vaccine
Q2034-Q2039	Influenza Virus Vaccines
Modifier 25	Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Healthcare Professional on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service
Modifier SL	State supplied vaccine

Codes G0008-G0010, 90460 and 90461 must be reported in addition to the vaccine and toxoid codes 90476-90759 or Q2034-Q2039. Report codes 90460-90461 only when the physician or qualified health care professional provides face-to-face counseling of the patient and family during the administration of a vaccine. Counseling related to administered vaccines is incidental to the administration codes (G0008-G0010, 90460-90461).

For immunization administration of any vaccine that is NOT accompanied by face-to-face physician or qualified health care professional counseling to the patient/family for administration of vaccines to patients over 18 years of age, report codes 90471-90474.

Codes 90476-90759 identify the vaccine product only. To report the administration of a vaccine/toxoid, the vaccine product code must be used in addition to the administration code 90460-90474.

It is inappropriate to use the unlisted vaccine code CPT 90749 to report immunization administration services.

The invoice from the laboratory or pharmacy that the vaccine has been purchased from may be requested for claim review.

Submit **state-supplied vaccines** with the immunization product code affixed with the Modifier SL and a charge of \$0.



Related Policies

Evaluation and Management

References

1. [ACIP Vaccine Guidelines](#)

Publication History

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3/26/2024	New Policy Development. Clarification for benefit requirements for preventative guidelines. Reimbursement Policy Committee Approved.