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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**General Provider Transmittal No. 76**  
**October 1, 2009**

**TO:** Providers Administering Vaccines  
**FROM:** Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director  
*Susan J. Tucker*  
Office of Health Services  
**RE:** Payment of Administration Fee for H1N1 Vaccine

**NOTE:** Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your Organizations are informed of the content of this transmittal.

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The purpose of this transmittal is to advise Medicaid providers that the Medicaid program will be paying an administration fee beginning October 1, 2009 for the provision of the H1N1 vaccine to all beneficiaries who qualify for full Medicaid benefits<sup>1</sup>. All providers administering the H1N1 vaccine must be registered with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). Vaccine and vaccine supplies will be supplied and shipped to providers at no cost. If you have not yet registered, please visit <http://www.dhmh.state.md.us/swineflu/h1n1registration.html> to do so. Registration through this site is required in order for vaccine to be shipped to a provider.

DHMH and the HealthChoice managed care organizations (MCO) will be paying for the administration of the H1N1 vaccine. The codes for the administration of the vaccine are **G9141** (recipients age 19 and over) and **G9141-SE** (recipients age 18 and under) and will be reimbursed at **\$15.49**. Providers must be enrolled in the Medicaid program or MCO, as appropriate, in order to bill for this code. Local health departments and federally qualified health centers will be eligible for this reimbursement. As always, an office visit cannot be billed if vaccine administration is the only service rendered.

Billing for **G9141** and **G9141-SE** will be based on the recipient's age and enrollment as indicated below:

	Age 18 and under	Age 19 and over
	Send claim to:	
<b>Recipient in MCO</b>	MCO	MEDICAID PROGRAM
<b>Recipient in fee-for-service<sup>2</sup></b>	MEDICAID PROGRAM	MEDICAID PROGRAM

<sup>1</sup> Does not include Primary Adult Care or Family Planning beneficiaries.

<sup>2</sup> Claims for Medicare dually eligible recipients must be billed to Medicare.



At this time, the Center for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has selected the following populations as priorities for the administration of the H1N1 vaccine:

- Pregnant women
- People age 6 months through 24 years
- Caregivers for children under 6 months
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- Adults age 25-64 years with health conditions associated with higher risk for complications

Providers are strongly encouraged to identify those patients most at risk and prioritize appointments appropriately. Please check the DHMH and Center for Disease Control's websites periodically for updated information.

**Please note:** the information in this transmittal applies only to the H1N1 flu vaccine, not the seasonal flu vaccine.

If you have questions about the billing information in this transmittal, please email [maH1N1billingquestions@dhmh.state.md.us](mailto:maH1N1billingquestions@dhmh.state.md.us); for clinical questions, please check [www.flu.maryland.gov](http://www.flu.maryland.gov).