

2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Payment

Child's Insurance Coverage	Vaccine Product Source	Vaccine Administration Source	Coding Considerations	Advocacy Considerations
Private insurance carrier	2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine product is being provided by the federal government at no cost to pediatricians and other providers, irrespective of a patient's insurance plan coverage.	Insurance carrier (subject to plan's coverage for immunizations). Additional coverage information is available online .	AAP recommends use of CPT codes 90470 (administration) and 90663 (product). Payer may be using G-codes, however. Pediatricians should inquire with payers to ensure use of 90470 and 90663 and proper coding, including any required recording of vaccine product*. More coding information is available online .	AAP recommends payment at least equivalent to 100% of Medicare rates. AAP letter to payers advocating for such available online (login required).
Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	Vaccine product is being provided outside the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Vaccine ordering is being coordinated by state public health departments; vaccine will be allocated in direct shipments from the CDC to practices and other sites registered with the state. Additional stock of vaccines may be held by state public health departments.	Medicaid and CHIP programs. State program rates are not bound by maximum regional charges (caps) for vaccine administration as they would be for otherwise VFC-eligible children. More Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) information to states available online .	AAP recommends use of CPT codes 90470 (administration) and 90663 (product). State may be using G-codes, however. Pediatricians should inquire with state programs to ensure use of 90470 and 90663 and proper coding, including any require recording of vaccine product*. More coding information is available online .	AAP recommends payment at least equivalent to 100% of Medicare rates. AAP letter to payers advocating for such available online (login required).
Uninsured/Underinsured		None at private practices. Pediatricians and other providers may either: (1) charge the patient the administration fee, (2) waive the administration fee and provide the vaccine, or (3) direct the patient to a state vaccination site. State vaccination sites may cover cost of administration to uninsured/underinsured.	AAP recommends use of CPT codes 90470 (administration) and 90663 (product). More coding information is available online .	The AAP continues to advocate for federal funding of vaccine administration for all children. States may provide funding or guidance for pediatricians and other physicians with uninsured/underinsure patients in their practices. State 2009 H1N1 provider agreements may provide such guidance.

* Vaccine product is being provided free of charge by the federal government, however anecdotal reports have indicated that some insurance carriers are requiring the recording of the vaccine product by billing a nominal (\$0.01) fee for the vaccine itself. Pediatric practices that are instructed to bill in this fashion should obtain these instructions **in writing** from the insurance carrier, to avoid fraudulent considerations.

Additional AAP information on 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine may be found [online](#).