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RE: PC20100027 – Reimbursement of the vaccine administration fee of immunizations when provided during a medical/preventative visit

Dear Dr. Duwve,

Your inquiry for policy consideration PC20100027 regarding Administration Fee for Immunizations has been reviewed by the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP).

After extensive research into this matter, it was determined that clarification is in order. Chapter 8 of The Indiana Health Coverage Plan (IHCP) Manual states,

"IHCP reimbursement for VFC vaccine administration is the lesser of the provider's submitted charge for VFC vaccine administration or \$8." Additionally, it states, "Do not bill an administration CPT code when billing for VFC vaccine. Providers must bill VFC vaccines with the CPT code for the vaccine and the provider's charge (not to exceed \$8) for VFC vaccine administration."

<http://provider.indianamedicaid.com/media/23576/chapter08.pdf>

Thus, the IHCP currently does provide separate reimbursement (up to \$8) for the administration of a VFC vaccine including dates of service on which an E&M code is billed. Vaccines administered outside of the VFC program at an E&M visit are not eligible for separate reimbursement because the administration fee is built into the E&M rate.

The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning would like to thank you for your policy request and assure you all policy requests are seriously considered by our office. All decisions made by the Policy Consideration unit will not be reconsidered for a period of 18 months following the date of decision. We welcome additional requests at any time. If you require additional clarification, feel free to contact us again at Policyconsideration@fssa.in.gov.

Thank you for bringing this request to our attention.

Sincerely,

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