

## **Administration of H1N1 Vaccine to be Covered for Most Mountain State Blue Cross Blue Shield Members**

Mountain State Blue Cross Blue Shield (Mountain State) will cover physician services for the administration of the H1N1 vaccine for most members enrolled in its health insurance products and encourages physicians to immunize Mountain State patients who belong to high-risk groups identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Additionally, we will cover the number of vaccinations recommended by the CDC for the member's age group and/or condition. .

Providers are reminded to use NaviNet® or the applicable HIPAA electronic transactions to verify patients' active/current Mountain State membership before providing immunization services, as non-Mountain State members may not be covered. (Real-Time functionality on NaviNet allows you to verify coverage at the point of service.)

### **Codes to Use When Submitting Claims to Mountain State**

Mountain State will accept the following new procedure codes on claims submitted for H1N1 vaccine administration:

#### **CMS HCPCS:**

- **G9141:** Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (includes physician counseling the patient/family)
- **G9142:** Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, any route of administration

#### **AMA CPT:**

- **90470:** H1N1 immunization administration (intramuscular, intranasal), including counseling when performed
- **90663:** Influenza virus vaccine, pandemic formulation, H1N1

**Please note:** Claims referencing codes G9142 and 90663 for the vaccine itself should be billed for \$0, since the federal government is providing the vaccine free of charge. (Zero-dollar claims may aid in tracking utilization of the H1N1 vaccine.)

### **Processing of the H1N1 Administration Fee**

Mountain State is currently processing claims for members who receive their seasonal flu shot at a pharmacy. If a pharmacy signs up to administer the H1N1 vaccine, Mountain State will process the service for members as indicated below:

#### **For Fully Insured/Direct Pay Business:**

- Eligible for Professional and Facility Billed Claims
- Paid at 100% for both In and Out-Of-Network Providers (No deductible, coinsurance or out-of-pocket costs for member)
- Price Out-Of-Network at Charge (No Member Liability)

#### **For Self-Funded Business:**

- Eligible for Professional and Facility Billed Claims

- Apply Deductible/Coinsurance/Out-of-Pocket Costs Based on Current Flu Vaccine Benefits
- Price Out-Of-Network at Product Allowance (Potential Member Liability)

**Please Note:** Various clients may decide to opt out of covering the H1N1 flu vaccine. To discuss this benefit further, please contact the appropriate customer services area identified on the member's identification card.

### **For More Information**

For the latest information on the H1N1 virus, including details about high-risk groups, recommended immunization guidelines, information regarding antiviral therapy with Tamiflu® (oseltamivir phosphate) and vaccine availability, visit [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu).

If you have questions regarding benefits eligibility please access this information via NaviNet or you may contact the appropriate customer service area located on the member's identification card.

For questions regarding billing of these services you may contact Provider Services at 1-800-798-7768 or your assigned External Provider Relations Representative.