



## Reimbursement of EPSDT & Sick Visits And Vaccine Reminders

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### BACKGROUND

For members less than 21 years of age, Care1st reimburses both the EPSDT and Sick visit when performed on the same day. During the 2013-2014 enhanced payment parity project, both the EPSDT and sick visits were reimbursed at 100% of the applicable fee schedule. Enhanced parity payments ended with dates of service January 1, 2015 and after. Care1st continued to pay both visits at 100% of the applicable fee schedule to allow for claims run out for dates of service through December 31, 2014. **Beginning with claims processed 11/9/15 and after, Care1st will again reimburse the EPSDT visit at 100% of the applicable fee schedule and the sick visit at 50% of the applicable fee schedule.** Please remember both visits must be billed on the same claim form and modifier 25 is required on the sick visit. If vaccinations are billed, modifier 25 is required for both the sick and EPSDT visit.

### VFC VACCINE BILLING REMINDERS – No Change from our last communication

- Submit BOTH the vaccine code AND the administration code with the SL modifier:
  - One code to identify the actual VFC vaccine (*CPT code & NDC are required on claim*)
  - One code to identify the administration of the vaccine: 90460, 90471, or 90473 (refer to the instructions below for multiple vaccines performed on the same date of service)
- When vaccines are administered separately, i.e., through separate injections, an administration fee is paid for each separate injection.
- When more than 1 vaccine is administered with counseling to a member 18 years of age or younger, each injection is billed and the administration of those injections is reported with CPT code 90460SL. 90460SL may be billed with up to 9 units per date of service and should be billed on a single service line. If more than 1 vaccine/toxoid is included in a single injection, the second and subsequent toxoids may be identified with CPT code 90461SL. However, AHCCCS will not allow additional payment for this code and you are not required to report it.
- If more than 1 injection is administered without counseling to a member 18 years of age or younger, the administration of the first injection is reported with CPT code 90471SL. Additional injections are reported with CPT code 90472SL and should be billed on a single service line.
- If more than 1 vaccine is administered orally or intranasal without counseling to a member 18 years of age or younger, the administration of the first vaccine is reported with CPT code 90473SL and each additional administration is reported with CPT code 90474SL.
- Claims received with codes 90460 or 90472 billed on multiple lines are denied for a corrected billing with the administration codes billed on a single service line as indicated above.

Below is an example of how to bill an E&M, EPSDT visit and VFC vaccines administered with counseling to a member 18 years of age or younger for a January 1, 2015 date of service:

24. A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Dates of Service	Place of Service	EMG	Procedures, Services or Supplies	Diagnosis Pointer	\$ Charges	Units
1/1/15-1/1/15	11		99212 25	2	\$xx.xx	1
1/1/15-1/1/15	11		99392 25 EP	1	\$xx.xx	1
1/1/15-1/1/15	11		90460 SL	1	\$xx.xx	2
1/1/15-1/1/15	11		90461 SL <i>OPTIONAL</i>	1	\$xx.xx	3
1/1/15-1/1/15	11		90656 SL <i>INCLUDE NDC</i>	1	0.00	1
1/1/15-1/1/15	11		90710 SL <i>INCLUDE NDC</i>	1	0.00	1

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ADULT VACCINE BILLING REMINDER

- If the member is over the age of 18, the vaccine administration is billed with the applicable CPT 90471-90474 without the SL modifier.
- The vaccine CPT code and **NDC** are required on the claim.

E&M WITH VACCINE BILLING REMINDER FOR ALL AGES

When an E&M (99201-99215) and/or an EPSDT (99381-99385 or 99391-99395) visit is billed with a vaccine administration code (90460, 90471-90474), modifier 25 is required on both the E&M and/or EPSDT visit.

*If you have any questions regarding this communication, Provider Network Operations is available to help at 866.560.4042 (Options in order: 5, 7). Our Claim Liaison is also available for assistance by calling 866.560.4042 x8368.*

***Thank You!***