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To: Pharmacies

RE: Reimbursement for Administration of Seasonal Influenza and H1N1 Vaccines

Effective November 2, 2009, Alabama Medicaid will begin reimbursing Medicaid-enrolled pharmacy providers for the administration of the influenza and H1N1 vaccines for eligible recipients age 19 and older. Alabama Medicaid will also continue to reimburse pharmacies for the seasonal influenza vaccine but will not reimburse pharmacies for the H1N1 vaccine because the H1N1 vaccine is being supplied by the Alabama Department of Public Health at no charge to the provider.

- Beginning November 2, pharmacy providers may bill the following NDC numbers on a pharmacy claim for reimbursement of vaccine administration:
 - NDC 99999-9999-10 for seasonal influenza vaccine administration
 - NDC 99999-9991-11 for H1N1 vaccine administration
- Reimbursement will be \$5 per administration with no dispensing fee or co-pay applied.
- Claims should be submitted with a dispense quantity of 1 for vaccine administration. There will be a maximum quantity of 1 injection allowed per recipient per year for each vaccine.
- To facilitate coordination of care, Pharmacy providers are instructed to inform (via phone, fax, e-mail, mail) each recipient's Primary Medical Provider (PMP) upon administration of the vaccine(s). Documentation must be kept on file at the pharmacy of the notification to the PMP. If the PMP is unknown, the pharmacy may call the Alabama Medicaid Automated Voice Response System (AVRS) system at 1-800-727-7848 to obtain the PMP information. A suggested Immunization Provider Notification Letter, which can be used to notify the PMP, can be found on the Agency website at http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/programs/pharmacy_svcs/pharmacy_services.aspx.
- Alabama State Board of Pharmacy law and regulation should be followed regarding dispensing and administration of legend drugs/vaccines.

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