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**Provider Claims Reference**

<b>Date of Notification</b>	<b>10/1/11</b>	<b>Revision Date</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Plans Affected</b>	<b>All Lines of Business</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>2011-2012 Influenza Guidelines</b>		

Mercy Care Plan would like to inform you that on March 2011, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a MLN Matters specifying the appropriate codes providers should be using to bill for the influenza vaccine/administration this year.

The CPT codes providers should use when billing for the influenza vaccine are listed as follows:

- 90655 – Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, when administered to children 6-35 months of age , for intramuscular use*
- 90656 - Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, when administered to individuals 3 years and older, for intramuscular use*
- 90657 - Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use'*
- 90658\* - Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use.*
- 90660 - Influenza virus vaccine, live, for intranasal use*
- 90662 – Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, enhanced immunogenicity via increased antigen content, for intramuscular use.*
- Q2035\*\* - Influenza virus vaccine, split virus when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (AFLURIA)*
- Q2036\*\* – Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (FLULAVAL)*
- Q2037\*\* - Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (FLUVIRIN)*
- Q2038\*\* - Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (Fluzone)*
- Q2039\*\* - Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older, for intramuscular use (not otherwise specified)*

**\*NOTE:** *Medicare does not recognize CPT code 90658 for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011. DO NOT BILL THIS CODE FOR MCA. This code may only be billed for the Mercy Care Plan, Mercy Healthcare Group, and Mercy Care Long Term Care lines of of business.*

**\*\* NOTE:** *For dates of service on or after October 1, 2010, HCPCS code Q2035, Q2036, Q2037, Q2038 and Q2039 will replace CPT code 90658 for Medicare payment purposes during the 2011 – 2012 influenza season. These codes should be used in place of 90658 for the Mercy Care Advantage line of business.*



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Administration codes should be billed using one of the CPT codes from the range **90465 – 90474**. Providers should determine from the documentation of the services rendered which is the appropriate code to use for the administration of the vaccine that has been given.

Medicare is also requiring that **G0008** be used when billing with **90660**.

For additional information specific to Influenza, Pneumococcal and other preventative services, please see Medicare Preventive Services Quick Reference Information. The website is available at:

[https://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS\\_QuickReferenceChart\\_1.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS_QuickReferenceChart_1.pdf)

This year's influenza vaccines include a combination of the influenza vaccine and the H1N1 vaccine.

Arizona Vaccine News is also available from the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) at the following website:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/flu>