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TO: Eligible Medicaid Providers of Professional Medical Services
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties

FROM: John B. McCarthy, Medicaid Director

SUBJECT: Policy Clarification Federal Vaccines for Children program

As of January 1, 2016, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) amended rule 5160-1-60 of the Ohio Administrative Code to recognize Current Procedural Terminology Code (CPT) 90460 for the administration of vaccines under the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. This change aligns Medicaid policy with the best practices for reporting vaccines administered under VFC.

CPT code 90460 should be reported separately for each administration of a vaccine toxoid CPT code. ODM does not recognize CPT 90461 for the reporting of additional toxoid components of combination vaccines.

The description of the procedure represented by CPT code 90460 is “Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; first or only component of each vaccine or toxoid administered”. The American Medical Association (AMA) specifies physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants as practitioners who can provide face-to-face counseling for immunizations; it does not specifically include RNs or LPNs. For clinics that have a Medical Director, ODM has concluded that the provision for counseling and supervision for RNs and LPNs is met under the authority of the clinic’s Medical Director. This conclusion applies only to claims for VFC vaccine administration submitted by the clinic itself (i.e. claims for which the clinic is both the “rendering provider” and the “billing provider”).

As a reminder, ODM claims processing complies with the requirements at 42 CFR 433.139.

Additional Information

Information about the services and programs of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) may be accessed through the main ODM web page, <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov>.

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