



April 11, 2011

To: All Molina Healthcare of New Mexico, Inc. (Molina Healthcare) Practitioners who Administer Vaccinations to Children.

Re: Immunization Administration CPT-4 codes 90460 and 90461.

The development and implementation of the new CPT codes 90460 and 90461 on January 1, 2011 has been somewhat confusing for all involved.

On March 31, 2011 the State of New Mexico Medical Assistance Division (MAD) published Supplement No. 11-03 to the Medical Assistance Program Manual. The following is excerpted from that document:

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2011: BILLING FOR VACCINES FOR CHILDREN**

MAD has reconsidered how providers should bill the Medicaid Fee-for-Service program for vaccine codes.

Effective for dates of service April 1, 2011, new immunization administration CPT codes 90460 and 90461 will replace codes 90465, 90466, 90467, and 90468.

**90460** – Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; first vaccine/toxoid component

**90461** – Each additional vaccine/toxoid component

When these vaccines are supplied to the provider by the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) the Medicaid program does not make payment to the provider for the vaccine, but only for the service of injecting the vaccine.

Use of 90460: Effective for dates of service beginning April 1, 2011 for the Medicaid Fee-for-Service program, when administering the first vaccine to a child and providing the consultation as described in the code, the first injection should be billed using code 90460. The quantity of service must be billed Supplement: 11-03 5 as “1”, because the Medicaid program will pay the set amount of \$10.97 regardless of the number of individual components in the vaccine.

Use of 90461: Effective for dates of service beginning April 1, 2011 for the Medicaid Fee-for-Service program, when administering the second or more vaccines to a child and providing the consultation as described in the code, the injection should be billed using code 90461. The

quantity of service must be billed as “1” for each additional injection, and billed on a separate line. MAD will allow \$10.97 for each injection, not for each component of a single injection.

**This notification letter is to inform you that Molina Healthcare will reimburse the first (1<sup>st</sup>) immunization injection using CPT code 90460, and the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) or more vaccinations billed using code 90461. However, Molina Healthcare will be increasing our reimbursement to \$30 for both 90460 and 90461.**

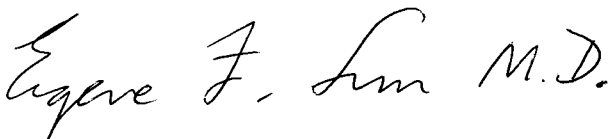
Examples:

- You administer the MMR vaccination to a Molina Healthcare Member – the appropriate CPT code for billing is one (1) 90460. You will be reimbursed \$30.
- You administer MMR, DTP and HIB vaccinations to a Molina Healthcare Member – the appropriate CPT codes for billing are one (1) 90460 and two (2) 90461s on the claim. You will be reimbursed \$90.

Furthermore, please make sure to bill the immunization CPT code along with the administration codes, even if you participate in the Vaccines for Children program. This information is required in order to reimburse the administration codes.

Thank you for your patience these last few months. It is our hope that by increasing the reimbursement for these services that patients and practitioners/providers will benefit. If you have any questions, please contact your Molina Healthcare Provider Representative toll free at (800) 377-9594

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene F. Sun M.D.".

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