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Billing Immunization Administration Code 90472

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has a claim line limit edit via the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) that will deny CPT code 90472 (Immunization administration; each additional vaccine) when more than five units are entered in the units field on a single claim line. This procedure code is billed in addition to the primary administration code 90471 (Immunization administration...1 vaccine).

To ensure proper reimbursement when more than six vaccines are administered on a single date, providers should be educated to bill the 90471 as the primary procedure, 90472 with five units on one claim line, and any additional injections with 90472 on a separate claim line. There is no change to the general immunization billing instructions.

Louisiana Medicaid supports ensuring our children are up to date with their immunizations and understands that on rare occasions a provider may find it necessary to administer more than this single claim line limit. Combination vaccines are encouraged in order to maximize the opportunity to immunize and to reduce the number of injections a child receives in one day. Documentation in the patient's medical record must support the services billed.