Influenza Virus Vaccine (CPT Code 90686) Age Revision

The minimum age for the “Influenza virus vaccine, quadrivalent (IIV4), split virus, preservative free, 0.5 ml dosage ...” (CPT code 90686) has been revised. The minimum age now approved for this Vaccines for Children (VFC) vaccine is 6 months of age. It was previously described as approved beginning at age 3.

The “Children/Adolescents” Immunization Fee Schedule on the Medicaid website, www.lamedicaid.com, has been updated to reflect this change effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017.

Healthy Louisiana managed care plans have been informed of the effective date of service for the age revision and have been directed to identify claims for the vaccine administration in children aged 6 months to age 3 that may have denied because of the previous age minimum for this vaccine. Claims for the administration of this vaccine that denied for this reason, on or after the date of service January 1, 2017, are to be reprocessed for appropriate reimbursement and inclusion of the vaccine for their reporting purposes. This reprocessing of claims is to be complete no later than 30 days from the date of this advisory.

Questions concerning Healthy Louisiana managed care organization (MCO) processes are to be directed to the appropriate MCO. Those questions related to Medicaid fee-for-service claims should be directed to Molina Provider Relations at (800) 473-2783 or (225) 924-5040.