

Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Program Immunization-Related Services Now Covered

Effective August 1, 2011 pharmacists participating in the Outcomes MTM program will be able to document and bill for a new MTM service related to immunizations. The service description and documentation requirements are below.

Service Description

The immunization MTM service includes:

1. Identification of appropriate patients for an immunization
2. Providing education to the patient on the need for the immunization
3. Consulting with the prescriber to obtain a prescription (if needed)
 - a. Standing protocols/collaborative drug therapy management agreements serve as a prescriber consultation
4. Verifying the immunization was administered (via the pharmacy or another health care provider)

An Outcomes-covered patient is eligible for an immunization MTM service if the patient has received a Comprehensive Medication Review (CMR) from the pharmacy within the current calendar year. If the patient refuses the CMR service, the patient is not eligible for the immunization-related services. Once a successful CMR has been delivered, immunization-related services for all immunizations are covered. The pharmacy is not required to administer the vaccination to bill for the MTM service.

This service is payable at \$20.

Documentation Requirements

The reason-action-result codes that apply to the immunization service are below and will only be available for pharmacists to document if a patient has received a CMR within the current calendar year.

1. **REASON:** Needs Immunization (121)
2. **ACTION:** Prescriber Consultation (205)
3. **RESULT:** Immunization Administered (331)
4. **ECA LEVEL:** Level 3 – Additional Physician Visit

Your Encounter Notes should include:

1. The clinical situation that supports the selection of Needs Immunization
2. The specific recommendation to the prescriber and the prescriber's response to the recommendation (vaccines administered via protocol should be documented as such)
3. The date the vaccine was administered by the pharmacy or another health care provider
4. Rationale to support the ECA level selected

The vaccine NDC should be documented in the Final Rx information.

Exclusions

This service is not billable for CheckMeds NC or Humana Focused programs.

