



ICD-10 Codes for Influenza and Code Changes for Influenza Vaccine Codes

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Q. What changes has CMS made for influenza vaccine coding this season?

A. The American Medical Association (AMA) recently published a list of new and revised vaccine codes on their website (<https://www.ama-assn.org/sites/default/files/media-browser/public/physicians/cpt/vaccine-long-descriptors.pdf>). Only one new influenza vaccine code is being introduced on January 1, 2019: Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 90689, “Influenza virus vaccine quadrivalent (IIV4), inactivated, adjuvanted, preservative free, 0.25 mL dosage, for intramuscular use.” The vaccine has not yet received Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approval, but will appear in the 2019 CPT manual.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have also released pricing information for the vaccines they cover; that can be found at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Part-B-drugs/McrPartBDrugAvgSalesPrice/VaccinesPricing.html>.

There were no new codes to report for the season, but three products were removed from the list:

- Flublok (RIV3), 0.5 mL single-dose vial for ages 18 years and older, CPT code 90673
- Fluzone Intradermal (IIV4-ID), 0.1 mL single-dose microinjection system for ages 18 through 64 years, CPT code 90630
- Fluvirin (IIV3), 0.5 mL single-dose vial and 5.0 mL multi-dose vial, ages 4 years and older, CPT codes 90656 and Q2037, respectively



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“When billing Medicare for influenza, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccines, use HCPCS codes G0008, G0009, and G0010, respectively.”

Please note that CMS will still reimburse CPT code 90656 for the Afluria (IIV3) 0.5 mL single-dose syringe vaccine for ages 5 years and older.

Remember to bill the correct vaccine administration code(s) along with any vaccine(s) given. When billing Medicare, you will use the following HCPCS codes for influenza, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B:

- G0008, “Administration of influenza virus vaccine”
- G0009, “Administration of pneumococcal vaccine”
- G0010, “Administration of hepatitis B vaccine”

CPT offers vaccine administration codes based on whether there is only one or multiple vaccines administered, the age of the patient, the number of components in the vaccine, and if face-to-face counseling was provided. When billing your commercial payers, you have the following administration codes to choose from:

- 90460, “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”
- 90461, “...each additional vaccine or toxoid component administered (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)”
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with multiple components (combination vaccines), report 90460 in conjunction with 90461 for each additional component in a given vaccine.

- 90471, “Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)”
- 90472, “...each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)”
- Use 90472 in conjunction with 90460, 90471, and 90473
- 90473, “Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)”
- 90474, “...each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)”
- Use 90474 in conjunction with 90460, 90471, and 90473

Q. What diagnosis code is assigned when a rapid influenza test is positive for influenza A? My coder assigned code J09.X2, “Influenza due to identified novel influenza A virus with other respiratory manifestations” but that translates to bird flu, which is incorrect.

A. Assigning a diagnosis code for influenza seems a little more challenging since the onset of using ICD-10 codes. A few years ago, ICD-9 provided three codes to choose from (excluding the avian, H1N1, and novel types), and now we have 17 to allow better specificity. When testing has identified the influenza genus (eg, influenza A, influenza B, etc.), you would assign a code from the following options:

- J10.00, “Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with unspecified type of pneumonia”
- J10.01, “Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with the same other identified influenza virus pneumonia”
- J10.08, “Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other specified pneumonia”
- J10.1, “Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations”
 - Includes identified influenza, Not Otherwise Stated (NOS), identified influenza with laryngitis, pharyngitis,

and/or upper respiratory problems

- J10.2, “Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with gastrointestinal manifestations”
- J10.81, “Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with encephalopathy”
- J10.82, “Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with myocarditis”
- J10.83, “Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with otitis media”
- J10.89, “Influenza due to other identified influenza virus with other manifestations”

When influenza is diagnosed and testing has not been performed or was not positive for a specific genus, choose from the following options:

- J11.00, “Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with unspecified type of pneumonia”
- J11.08, “Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with specified pneumonia”
- J11.1, “Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other respiratory manifestations”
 - Includes influenza, NOS, influenza laryngitis, NOS, influenza pharyngitis, NOS, and influenza with upper respiratory symptoms, NOS

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- J11.83, “Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with otitis media”
- J11.89, “Influenza due to unidentified influenza virus with other manifestations”

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