

PACE

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Immunizations: Influenza Vaccine

Increasing numbers of pharmacies are offering flu vaccinations. This bulletin is intended to address questions from PACE cardholders and providers about immunizations.

- ✓ Influenza vaccine is a covered prescription drug (*subject to Program and reimbursement rules.*)
- ✓ PACE is not permitted to pay for the administration of a vaccine.
- ✓ Pharmacies can be reimbursed for the vaccine plus a dispensing fee.
- ✓ Dispensing Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners enrolled as PACE providers are prohibited from receiving a dispensing fee.
- ✓ Pharmacists can obtain certification from the State Board of Pharmacy to *administer* (**NOT** prescribe) a vaccine as cited below.

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

CHAPTER 27 ADMINISTRATION OF INJECTABLE MEDICATIONS, BIOLOGICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

§ 27.404. Authority and requirements.

- (a) A pharmacist authorized by the Board to administer injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations may only do so under either an order or written protocol.
- (b) The order from a licensed prescriber must be written, received electronically or if received orally be reduced to writing ...
- (c) An authorized pharmacist may enter into a written protocol, either approved by a physician or authorized by the medical staff of an institution, governing the administration of injectable medications, biologicals and immunizations for a specific period of time or purpose ...

Questions may be directed to Provider Services at 1-800-835-4080.