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## 2009 Guidance for Keystone Mercy Participating Providers H1N1 (swine) and Seasonal Flu

Dear Provider,

In an effort to help keep members healthy and flu-free this year, Keystone Mercy will offer coverage for the H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine, when it becomes available. In addition, Keystone Mercy will continue to cover seasonal flu vaccine. This letter provides guidance on the CDC recommendations for high risk populations. Information on how to obtain H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines and supplies and how to bill Keystone Mercy for administering the vaccines to our members is attached to this letter.

### H1N1 FLU SHOT

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended that the following groups receive the H1N1 flu shot:

- Pregnant women
- People around children younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- All people from 6 months through 24 years of age
  - Children from 6 months through 18 years of age
  - Young adults 19 through 24 years of age
- People aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions such as diabetes, asthma or lung disease, or heart disease

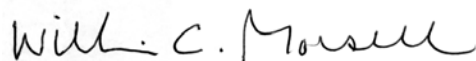
### SEASONAL FLU SHOT

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended that the following groups receive the seasonal flu shot:

- Children aged 6 months up to their 19th birthday
- Pregnant women
- People 50 years of age and older
- People of any age with chronic medical conditions
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for flu complications, including:
  - Health care workers
  - Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu
  - Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated)

Information about how to obtain, administer and bill for the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines is attached. If you have any questions about the H1N1 or seasonal flu vaccines, please call Provider Services at 1-800-521-6007, or contact your Provider Account Executive. Thank you for your commitment to Keystone Mercy members, and for your continued participation in our network.

Sincerely,



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Type	How to Obtain	Keystone Mercy Reimbursement
<b>H1N1 (swine flu)</b>	<p>H1N1 vaccine and supplies are provided to providers who register with the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Pennsylvania Statewide Immunization Information System (PA-SIIS).</p> <p>Register online at:  <a href="http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?q=242182">http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?q=242182</a> or call 1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258).</p>	<p>Participating PCPs and OB/GYN providers will be reimbursed for giving the H1N1 vaccine to adults and children.</p> <p><b>Use procedure code:</b>  <b>90663</b> Influenza virus vaccine; pandemic formulation.</p>
<b>Seasonal Flu</b>	<p>Vaccines for children are provided through the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Philadelphia County PCPs should contact the Philadelphia VFC program. The program is administered by the Philadelphia Department of Public Health Division of Disease Control Immunization Program (215-685-6728).</p> <p>Providers outside Philadelphia County should call 1-888-6-IMMUNIZE (1-888-646-6864) or obtain the VFC Provider Enrollment Form online at <a href="http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/lib/health/immunizations/PA_VFC_Combined_Provider_Site_Profile_Enrollment_Form_oct_200813nf_comments.pdf">http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/lib/health/immunizations/PA_VFC_Combined_Provider_Site_Profile_Enrollment_Form_oct_200813nf_comments.pdf</a></p> <p>Providers administering seasonal flu vaccine to adults should obtain the vaccine and supplies from their regular vaccine supplier.</p>	<p>Participating PCPs and OB/GYN providers will be reimbursed for administration of the seasonal flu vaccine to children.</p> <p>Providers who administer the vaccine for adults will be reimbursed for the cost of the seasonal flu vaccine.</p> <p><b>Providers should use the following procedure codes:</b></p> <p><b>90655</b> Influenza Split Virus, 6 – 35 months, Preservative Free  <b>90656</b> Influenza Split Virus, 3 yrs and &gt;, Preservative Free  <b>90657</b> Influenza Split Virus 6 – 35 months  <b>90658</b> Influenza, Split Virus, 3 years and older  <b>90660</b> FluMist</p>