Subject: Influenza Vaccination*

Effective Date: October 2, 2003

Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: Influenza vaccine, either injectable or intranasal, is reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc.

Objective: To assure proper and consistent reimbursement and to assure coverage of a medically necessary service.

Procedure:

- Injectable influenza vaccine (CPT Codes 90654, 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, 90660, 90661, 90662, 90673 90685, 90686, 90687, 90688; HCPCS codes Q2034, Q2035, Q2036, Q2037, Q2038, and Q2039) will be authorized for any member, according to the Plan’s adult and pediatric wellness policies, when the member’s physician recommends it.

- Intranasal influenza vaccine (CPT Code 90660, 90672) will be authorized for members from age 2 years through age 49 years, according to the Plan’s adult and pediatric wellness policies, when the member’s physician recommends it.
References


U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Nasal Influenza Vaccine Approved for Younger Children. Consumer Update posted 09/26/07


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*Consistent with Summary Plan Description (SPD). When there is discordance between this policy and the SPD, the provisions of the SPD prevail.