

Provider

Alert



Subject: Guidelines for 2008 Administration of Part D Vaccines

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To: Passport Advantage providers

Provider Types Affected:

All Passport Advantage providers

Background:

Effective January 1, 2008, the administration of a Part D-covered vaccine is included in the definition of "covered Part D drug." The administration cost of a Part D vaccine may no longer be billed to Medicare Part B with the special G code (G0377).

Therefore, **all vaccines must now be billed to Passport Advantage as a Medicare Part D benefit - with the exception of the influenza, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccines**, which remain covered under Medicare Part B.

Provider Action Needed:

As providers are presently unable to bill a Medicare Part D claim, providers will not receive additional reimbursement for administration. Also, providers may issue prescriptions to members to have vaccines administered at a local pharmacy.

For a list of pharmacy vaccine providers in your area, please refer to the PAD Provider Directory in the Provider Center of www.passportadvantage.org.

Questions:

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the PerformRx Provider Helpline at (866) 533-5490.

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