



APOGEE HEALTH PARTNERS

Network UPDATES – August 2019

HEALTH PLAN UPDATES & CHANGES:

HFS issued an August 2019 notice for a new vaccine reimbursement policy for children under the age of 19. Beginning with September 1, 2019 date of service, HFS will require providers to use vaccine acquired through the VFC Program for all children under 19 who are covered by HFS Programs. Providers will no longer be reimbursed for the cost of privately purchased vaccines if the vaccine is available through the VFC Program. Please read the “Summary & Rate” billing information below to comply with this change.

In Summary:

1. **Bill the appropriate outpatient visit code for evaluation and management that meets the definition of who in the office administered the vaccine.**
2. **Bill the specific vaccine procedure code for the vaccine obtained through the VFC Program.**
3. **Bill the private stock vaccine procedure code for vaccines not offered through the VFC Program.**

The Vaccine Reimbursement Rate will be:

1. **VFC Program Vaccine – paid “Per fee schedule Unit Price field”
(reimbursement rate is \$6.40 for the administrative cost of acquiring the VFC Program vaccine)**
2. **Non-VFC Vaccine – paid “Per fee schedule State Max field”**

PROVIDERS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE VFC PROGRAM TO BE PAID PROPERLY.

HEDIS QUALITY MEASURES:

Childhood Immunization Status (CIS)

Assesses children 2yrs of age who had: four DTaP; three IPV; one MMR; three HiB; three HepB, one VZV; four PCV; one HepA; two or three RV; and two flu vaccines by their second birthday.

Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents (WCC)

Assesses Children and Adolescents 3 to 17 years who had an outpatient visit with a primary care practitioner or OB/GYN during the measurement year and had evidence of:

- BMI Percentile Documentation
- Counseling for Nutrition
- Counseling for Physical Activity

References:

<https://www.ncqa.org/hedis/measures/childhood-immunization-status/>

<https://www.ncqa.org/hedis/measures/weight-assessment-and-counseling-for-nutrition-and-physical-activity-for-children->