

## NOTICE:

# Flu Vaccinations at Pharmacies for the 2020-2021 Flu Season – Adults and Children

The Arizona governor's office and AHCCCS have been working diligently to expand access to flu vaccine administration. Effective 9/1/2020, AHCCCS has expanded access to vaccines by allowing members ages 3 and older to obtain their flu shot at a retail pharmacy. Before the change, AHCCCS only permitted claims for adults to be reimbursed. Health Choice Arizona members who would like to obtain a flu shot at a retail pharmacy may get their flu vaccine at a contracted pharmacy. Members should inquire directly at their pharmacy for vaccine administration availability.

The flu vaccine is the only type of vaccine that may be given to children 3 years and older at a retail pharmacy. Members ages 3 and older, in need of other types of vaccines, should be re-directed to their primary care provider.

To encourage members to obtain a flu vaccine, AHCCCS has authorized Health Choice to offer a \$10 gift card as an incentive for members to obtain a flu vaccine. Members can contact Health Choice Member Services for more information about the gift card incentive after receiving their flu vaccine. The pharmacies will not be able to assist with questions about the \$10 gift card.

### Rate Increase

All Contractors, effective with 09/01/2020 dates of service, are required to increase base rates by 10.0% for the following influenza vaccination CPT codes: 90630, 90653, 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, 90660, 90662, 90672, 90673, 90674, 90682, 90685, 90686, 90687, 90688, 90689, 90694, 90756, G0008, and Q2034.

- All Contractors, effective with 09/01/2020 dates of service, are required to increase base rates by 10.0% for the following immunization administration codes only when billed with modifier SY: 90460, 90461, 90471, 90472, 90473, and 90474.
  - Providers are required to bill using modifier SY to identify when administration codes are specifically used for influenza vaccinations.
  - VFC program providers billing for these codes with modifier SY qualify for a 10.0% increase, up to the federal payment maximum amount.

A public notice has been posted that describes corresponding fee-for-service rate increases:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/PublicNotices/rates/FluVaccinePublicNotice.pdf>

For information about the Flu Shot, please use this AzDHS website:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/flu/flu-shot/index.php>

