



Effective 10/01/08: Change in Medicare Part D Vaccine Administration Reimbursement

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) set forth changes to the payment policy for the administration costs associated with Medicare Part D covered vaccines beginning 01/01/08. This change requires the payment for the administration costs associated with Part D covered vaccines to be submitted to the Part D plan for reimbursement.

In accordance with the direction from CMS, UCare will begin to deny Medicare Part D covered vaccines and associated administration costs. Direct provider reimbursement for Part D Vaccines will be transitioned to RXAmerica who will process these claims under the Part D benefit. Part D vaccine claims will be reimbursed at the contracted retail rate with the associated administration fee less the applicable co-pay..

There will be no change in the claims submission process. Providers should continue to submit claims for Medicare Part D covered vaccines and associated administration costs to UCare via EDI or paper claims on the CMS 1500 or UB-04 claim form.

The Explanation of Payment (EOP) will reflect the following denial code: Claims Adjustment Reason Code B11: "The claims/service has been transferred to the proper payer/processor for processing. Claim/service not covered by this payer/processor."

We encourage all providers to check member's eligibility and collect co-pays, if applicable at the time of service; including office visits.

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