

**INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2018-MC-FFS**

**DATE:** May 30, 2019

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals, Clinics, Maternal Health Centers, Screening Centers, Family Planning Agencies, Local Education Agencies, Home Health Agencies, and Pharmacies

**APPLIES TO:** Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Pediatric Flu Vaccine Provided by the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

On May 1, 2019, the IME received notice from the Iowa Department of Public Health that the VFC program no longer had supplies of some pediatric flu vaccine for children. The procedure code for the pediatric flu vaccines are:

90655	90682	Q2035
90656	90685	Q2037
90657	90686	Q2038
90660	90687	Q2039
90672	90688	
90674	90756	

Providers may use and bill private stock for these vaccines when providing flu vaccine for this group of children.

To bill Medicaid for private stock pediatric vaccine for a VFC eligible member, the appropriate flu vaccine procedure code with an appended “U8” modifier must be used. The vaccine administration procedure code should be billed as usual. Claims submitted without the “U8” modifier appended will result in non-payment of the vaccine.

When billing the “U8” modifier, the claim must:

- Be submitted with the “U8” modifier appended to the appropriate CPT code for the pediatric vaccine.

- Include sub-charges for each line item/vaccine code billed. Reimbursement at the fee schedule rate will occur only when item sub-charges are equal to or greater than the IME fee schedule rate.

Please contact the member's MCO for MCO-related questions.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work to improve the claim processing service quality and accuracy. If you have any questions for FFS members, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at [improviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:improviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).