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CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 06-06

TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM PROVIDERS AND MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PLANS

SUBJECT: SECOND FLUMIST VACCINE FOR CHILDREN UNDER NINE YEARS OF AGE RECEIVING INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR THE FIRST TIME

As a reminder, children under nine years of age who receive FluMist vaccine (code 71) for the first time in their life require two doses spaced six to ten weeks apart. Unfortunately, there has been an edit in the claims payment system preventing reimbursement of the administrative fee for the second dosage. This error has been corrected so that providers can be reimbursed for the administrative fee for this second dose of FluMist. This change was made to be effective October 1, 2005.

If you have administered a second FluMist vaccine after October 1, 2005 to a child under nine years of age receiving influenza vaccine for the first time and more than six weeks after the first dosage, and your claim for the administrative fee was denied because the vaccine was already reimbursed, you are entitled to reimbursement for the administration of this second vaccine. Please resubmit a PM 160 for the $9.00 administration fee for the second vaccine if you have not been previously reimbursed by any source. This must be done as soon as possible, as claims over one year of age cannot be reimbursed.

Your continuing participation in the CHDP Program is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about this Provider Information Notice or other CHDP issues, please contact your local CHDP Program office.

Sincerely,

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