

Flu Vaccination Season 2008-2009

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.
THE WELLCARE GROUP OF COMPANIES

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Dear Provider,

This communication provides you with important information regarding the 2008-2009 Flu Season and our Plan's flu vaccination claim administration guidelines.

As you know, the single most effective method to safeguard our members against the flu virus, particularly those who are high-risk, is vaccination. To ensure that those most in need receive a flu vaccine, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have suggested the following guidelines:

- All children aged 6 months up to their 19th birthday
- Pregnant women
- People 50 years of age and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including:
 - Health care workers
 - Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu
 - Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated)

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<http://www.cdc.gov/flu>)

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Our members may get their flu vaccines at any of the following locations:

Physician Offices – You will be reimbursed for administering the flu vaccine based upon your contractual agreement with the Plan, medical group, and/or IPA. Member co-payments are not required for this service.

Physicians should bill the Plan using only the following CPT Codes:

- 90655 - Influenza virus vaccine, children 6-35 months (preservative free);

- 90656 - Influenza virus vaccine, individuals 3 years and above (preservative free);
- 90657 - Influenza virus vaccine, children 6-35 months;
- 90658 - Influenza virus vaccine, individuals 3 yrs and above; and
- 90660 – Influenza virus vaccine, live for intranasal use, not reimbursable for children < 2yrs of age and children with a history of asthma or wheezing.

WHI Clinics – WHI hosts clinics at local Walgreens pharmacies. Members should call their local Walgreens location, or log onto www.walgreens.com/flu for more information. Members should show their Plan ID card to get the vaccine and should not be charged a co-payment.

Community-based Clinics – Clinics are held throughout the community at local retail pharmacies or community centers. Members, who receive their flu vaccine at one of the community clinics, must submit a detailed receipt with their bill. The Plan will reimburse members up to a maximum of our in-network cost of \$24.99 for the administration of the flu vaccine. Members should submit a detailed receipt with their full name, current address, date of birth, WellCare ID #, date of service and amount paid; along with proof of payment (cancelled check, credit card receipt, etc.) to the following address:

WellCare of Georgia, Inc.
Attn: Reimbursement Department
PO Box 31577
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We appreciate the care you render to our members and thank you for your attention to this notice. Should you have any questions, please contact the appropriate Provider Hotline number listed below.

WellCare of Georgia, Inc. (Medicaid)—(866) 231-1821
WellCare of Georgia, Inc. (Medicare)—(866) 334-7730
TTY/TDD (all plans)—(877) 247-6272

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Sincerely,



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