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Dear Colleague:

We are writing regarding reimbursement for vaccinations administered as part of the response to the outbreak of invasive meningococcal disease among men who have sex with men (MSM) in New York City (NYC).

Meningococcal vaccination is a covered service for Medicaid and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP/ADAP Plus). Commercial insurers vary in their requirements; some plans may require pre-authorization for vaccination. Please check with commercial insurers directly by calling the company or the prescription plan specified on the member's health insurance identification card. With proper authorization, some pharmacy plans will send the vaccine directly to the doctor's office. Please remember that, if the plan's medication coverage guidelines are not followed, reimbursement will be denied.

We encourage all providers to offer and administer recommended vaccines for your patients. Information on how to order meningococcal vaccine can be found in the Meningitis Vaccine FAQs for Providers located at:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/diseases/meningitis-provider.shtml>.

Meningococcal vaccine is also available at many commercial pharmacies in NYC without a prescription, although providers may choose to write one for their patients. Please visit the DOHMH site locator to find locations: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/DispensingSiteLocator/mainView.do?subviewType=9>. Patients must check with their health plans to ensure that pharmacy-based vaccination is a covered benefit and to determine which pharmacies are considered "in-network" providers.

Providers should bill for vaccine and administration in the same way that they bill for other vaccination services. Relevant billing codes are included on the following page. If you have patients that have already been charged for the vaccine, they may be eligible for reimbursement from DOHMH. For additional information on how patients can get reimbursed by DOHMH, or to report any issues with reimbursement through commercial insurance plans, contact Patricia Quinde at pquinde@health.nyc.gov, or (347) 396-6215.

Sincerely,

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Meningococcal Vaccine Billing Codes

CODE	CPT DESCRIPTION
90733	Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine for subcutaneous use Coding Tip: Brand name(s): Menomune
90734	Meningococcal conjugate vaccine, serogroups A, C, Y and W-135 quadrivalent, for intramuscular use Coding Tip: Brand name(s): Menactra, Menveo
90471	Administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular) 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)
90472	Each additional vaccine (single or combination Vaccine/toxoid) (List separately in addition to Code for primary procedure)

CODE	ICD-9 DIAGNOSIS CODE
V03.89	Other specified vaccination

FURTHER CODING INSTRUCTIONS

Please remember to add proper modifier(s) when billing for the vaccine in conjunction with any other services rendered e.g. if Evaluation and Management (E/M) performed, add Modifier 25 (Significant, separately identifiable Evaluation and Management service by the same Physician or other qualified Health Care Professional on the same day of the procedure or other service) on the Evaluation and Management line.