

Medicare Immunization Program



The Center for Health Care Financing is a public consulting organization that takes a mission-driven approach to cost-effective care. By applying the knowledge and resources of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, we help state and local agencies maximize their resources to reduce health care costs.

Public Sector Partners, Inc. is a health care management organization that offers a full array of program management and consulting services.

What We Do

In October of 2002, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) passed a federal law encouraging all hospitals to vaccinate their high-risk patients for influenza and pneumonia prior to discharge. Under Medicare Preventative Services, Medicare B will reimburse hospitals and municipalities for administration of these vaccines, providing a potentially valuable stream of revenue. However, many hospitals and municipalities are facing budget cuts and employment reduction, leaving them without the resources to obtain federal reimbursement.

The Center's Medicare Immunization Program was created to fill this gap, to provide a billing service to hospitals and municipalities who are unable to roster bill Medicare on their own. By coordinating the billing process, the Center not only provides these organizations with increased revenue, but helps them more effectively perform the crucial public service of immunizing Medicare B patients.

The Center's partner in this effort is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization called Public Sector Partners, Inc. (PSP), created by and affiliated with the University of Massachusetts Medical School and the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center. PSP acts on behalf of the Center in consulting, coordinating, and performing the billing service.

Our Services

To initiate the billing process, PSP contracts with the hospitals and municipalities. In a hospital system, PSP will assist in the submission process involving the fiscal intermediary and related claims processing. In the case of a municipality, PSP offers guidance in the completion of the 855B Medicare Application form, if required. The municipality's provider number allows PSP to roster bill the Medicare B carrier for influenza and pneumococcal vaccines.

In both cases, Public Sector Partners provides a unique, comprehensive process, allowing hospitals and municipalities to apply their resources to other areas. The result is a net positive gain for the health care organization: additional revenue without a significant investment of hours or assets.

Benefits of the Program

- Additional revenue for hospital or municipality
- Effective fulfillment of federal immunization policies
- Increased vaccination rate, improving community health
- Staff resources and time can be spent on other initiatives

Goals

The goals of the Medicare Immunization Program are fundamentally rooted in the public good. We strive to enroll every vaccinating municipality into the Medicare B Preventive Service Program, allowing them to receive reimbursement they deserve. We work to provide hospitals with the means to immunize high risk patients, increasing public health and hospital revenue over the long term.

Why Choose Us?

The Center for Health Care Financing and Public Sector Partners have an extensive range of experience in state and local billing and reimbursement. Our staff members have worked for years in governmental health care agencies and Medicare claiming, giving us in-depth knowledge of the most effective reimbursement methods and practices. As a public agency, we are dedicated to helping municipalities and hospitals serve their citizens and patients, and we will apply the resources of the University of Massachusetts Medical School to help achieve these goals.

Please contact the Center for Health Care Financing today to learn how we can help you provide a valuable public service while earning revenue for your organization.



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