



**Influenza Vaccine Ordering  
Pneumococcal Vaccine Ordering  
Medicare Immunization Billing Codes  
2011-12  
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Influenza vaccine will soon be available for pre-booking for 2012-13. Providers should contact influenza vaccine manufacturers or those vaccine distributors to ensure all patients needing their vaccine will be immunized during flu season.

There are five influenza vaccine manufacturers in the United States this season:

- **sanofi pasteur Inc. produces Fluzone®** an inactivated influenza virus vaccine in infant formulation (0.25 single-dose syringe for 6 to 35 months), child and adult formulation (0.5 single-dose prefilled syringe and multi-dose vial for 3 years and older), a high-dose formulation (65 years and older) and a new intradermal vaccine. To contact them for information, log on to [www.vaccineshoppe.com](http://www.vaccineshoppe.com) or phone 1-800-822-2463.
- **Novartis produces Fluvirin®** inactivated influenza virus vaccine. Fluvirin® is indicated for use in persons 4 years of age and older (0.5 single-dose prefilled syringe, or multi-dose vial) and **Agriflu®** for 18 years and older. Go to: <http://www.novartisvaccines.com/index.shtml>
- **GlaxoSmithKline produces Fluarix®** inactivated influenza virus vaccine, which is licensed for use in persons 3 years of age and older (0.5 single-dose prefilled syringe), and **FluLaval®** for use in persons 18 years of age and older (multi-dose vial). Go to: [www.gsk.com](http://www.gsk.com).
- **MedImmune, Inc produces FluMist®**, a live attenuated intranasal influenza virus vaccine. This intranasal vaccine is only for use in healthy people 2 - 49 years of age. For information or ordering call 1-877-FLUMIST (358-6478). Go to: [www.medimmune.com](http://www.medimmune.com)
- **CSL Biotherapies produces Afluria®** (distributed by Merck) an inactivated influenza virus vaccine, a single 0.5 mL dose prefilled syringe and multi-dose vial intramuscular injection for use in persons 5 years of age and older. Call 877-829-6372 or go to: [www.merckvaccines.com/afluria](http://www.merckvaccines.com/afluria)

A list of distributors that sell influenza vaccine can be found at <http://www.flusupplynews.com>. Product availability may fluctuate. Contact your distributor for the most up-to-date information.

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## Who Should Receive an Influenza Vaccine in 2011-2012

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The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices **has recommended an annual dose of influenza vaccine for all people age 6 months and older.** However, following people are at highest risk of complications from influenza and should be prioritized to receive an annual flu vaccine:

- All people age 50 years and older, especially those 65 years and older;
  - All children 6 months to 18 years of age;
  - All persons 19 to 49 years with long-term health problems, including: metabolic disease, pulmonary disease, cardiovascular disease, renal disease, sickle cell anemia, immunocompromising conditions, muscle or nerve disorders (such as seizure disorders or severe cerebral palsy) that can cause breathing or swallowing problems
  - Residents of long-term care facilities (aged  $\geq 6$  months)
  - Pregnant women
  - All health care workers and household caregivers of children age 5 years and younger (especially  $< 6$  months), adults  $\geq 50$  years and adults with chronic medical conditions should receive an annual influenza vaccine.
  - People who are morbidly obese (BMI  $\geq 40$  kg {88 lbs}/m<sup>2</sup>)
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## How to Determine How Much Influenza Vaccine You Need

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The table on the following page can be used to estimate how much will need influenza vaccine. When ordering vaccine, remember that you and your staff need to be vaccinated against flu to protect your patients. Tally the number of your patients you have and record it in right hand column in the chart below. **Note:** Children under nine receiving influenza vaccine for the first time will need two doses, given at least one month apart. Consider this in estimating your order, using the chart below.

Type of Health Risk	Tally Number of Patients	Total
Age 50 years and over		
Age 6 months-18 years		
Patients 19-49 years with long-term health problems (see bulleted on previous page)		
Any close contacts of above mentioned groups (6 months and older)		
Health care personnel ( <i>add your staff here</i> )		
All other patients		
	<b>Grand Total</b>	

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## Pneumococcal Vaccine

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**Remember to Order and Administer Pneumococcal Vaccine:** According to the CDC, up to 20,000 people die from vaccine-preventable pneumococcal disease every year, and vaccination rates are especially low in New York; only 48% of people over 65 have been vaccinated against pneumococcal disease. Ensure that all adults at risk for pneumococcal disease have received pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV). Patients 65 and older or with certain medical conditions (see below) need this vaccine at least once in their lifetime. There is no need to wait until October to vaccinate your patients against pneumococcal disease. Unlike flu vaccine, PPSV can be administered throughout the year. To purchase PPSV, contact your pharmaceutical distributor, visit the Merck website at, [www.merckvaccines.com](http://www.merckvaccines.com) or call Merck at 800-637-2579.

For more information on pneumococcal pneumonia, visit the CDC's web page at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/pneumo/default.htm>

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## Who Should Receive Pneumococcal Vaccine

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- All adults 65 years of age and older.
- All people 2 years of age and older with:
  - Chronic illness such as diabetes, heart or lung diseases
  - Anatomic or functional asplenia (without a spleen)
  - All people with conditions that compromise immunity
  - HIV infection
- People 18 years of age and older who smoke or have asthma.

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## Reimbursement and Information

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Medicare reimburses both for the cost of influenza and pneumococcal vaccine and for the cost of administration. In addition, many health insurance companies cover influenza vaccine administration. Consult the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at 877-267-2323 or [www.cms.hhs.gov/](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/), or the insurance agency for current billing information. For more influenza information, visit the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene website at [www.nyc.gov/flu](http://www.nyc.gov/flu) or email us at: [NYCflu@health.nyc.gov](mailto:NYCflu@health.nyc.gov)

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## CPT Billing Codes for Influenza and PPSV Vaccination

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- 90655 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, for children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use.
  - 90656 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, for use in individuals 3 years of age and above, for intramuscular use.
  - 90657 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, for children 6-35 months of age, for intramuscular use.
  - Q2035– Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older for intramuscular use (Afluria).
  - Q2036– Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older for intramuscular use (FluLaval).
  - Q2037– Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older for intramuscular use (Fluvirun).
  - Q2038– Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older for intramuscular use (Fluzone).
  - Q2039– Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, when administered to individuals 3 years of age and older for intramuscular use (not otherwise specified).
  - 90660 Influenza virus vaccine, live, for intranasal use.
  - 90662 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative free, enhanced immunogenicity via increased antigen content, for use in adults 65 years of age and above, for intramuscular use.
  - 90654 Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, preservative-free, for intradermal use, administered to individuals 18-64 years of age (Fluzone)
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- G0008 Administration of intramuscular influenza virus vaccine. Diagnosis Code: V04.81
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- 90669 Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, polyvalent, when administered to children younger than 5 years for intramuscular use.
  - 90670 Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, 13-valent for intramuscular use.
  - 90732 Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, adult or immunosuppressed patient dosage, for use in individuals 2 years or older, for subcutaneous or intramuscular use.
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- G0009 Administration of pneumococcal vaccine. Diagnosis Code: V03.82
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- Pneumococcal and Seasonal Influenza Virus Vaccines received during the same visit: Diagnosis Code: V06.6
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In addition, the CPT Billing Codes for Influenza and PPSV Vaccination for Medicare Immunization billing can be found by going to:

[http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/gr\\_immun\\_bill.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/gr_immun_bill.pdf)