

ISMA CODING RESOURCE

2011 Immunization Administration for Vaccines/Toxoids 12/16/2010

This sheet contains information on coding vaccines and the administration of these vaccines. This document should not be considered coding advice. Please refer to specific payer resources for definitive guidance.

90460 – Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; first vaccine/toxoid component.

+90461 – Each additional vaccine/toxoid component (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

90460 – Use 90460 for each vaccine administered. For vaccines with multiple components (combination vaccines), report 90460 in conjunction with 90461 for each additional component in a given vaccine.

The immunization administration (IA) codes 90465, 90466, 90467, and 90468 have been replaced with two codes, 90460 and 60461, that encompass the delivery of either a multiple-component vaccine product (combination vaccine), which provides protection for multiple diseases. The previous CPT codes are now deleted.

For example, the list of codes that would be reported for a 2-month-old infant based on the current immunization schedule is:

DtaP intramuscular administration	90460, 90461, 90461 90700 (CPT product code to be reported in addition to the IA codes)
Rotavirus oral administration	90460 90681 (CPT product code to be reported in addition to the IA code)
Hepatitis B and Hemophilus influenza B intramuscular administration	90460, 90461 90748 (CPT product code to be reported in addition to the IA code)
Poliovirus intramuscular administration	90460 90713 (CPT product code to be reported in addition to the IA code)
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine	90460 90670 (CPT product code to be reported in addition to the IA code)

The IA immunization codes routinely used for adult IA, codes 90471, 90472, will remain in the CPT codebook without the counseling component and will no longer be applicable to children 8 through 18 years of age, unless the physician does not provide risk/benefit counseling.

Effective for claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, CPT code 90658 will no longer be payable by Medicare.

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2010, the following new influenza Q codes will be payable by Medicare. However the claims will be held until the systems can process the new codes:

- Q2035 (Afluria)
- Q2036 (Flulaval)
- Q2037 (Fluvirin)
- Q2038 (Fluzone)
- Q2039 (not otherwise specified flu vaccine)

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