

NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

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DIVISION OF MEDICAID

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Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of  
Rule: Miss Code Ann. §43-13-121(1972), as amended

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the  
Proposed Rule :  
Provider Policy Manual Section 77.05

Date Rule Proposed:

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:  
AP 2006-40. Provider Policy Manual Section 77.05 amends language regarding Immunizations -  
Vaccines for Adults.

The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.

An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date:  
Time:  
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An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and

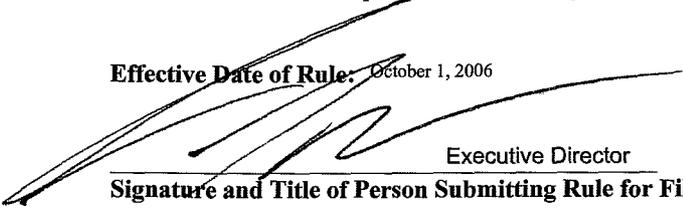
This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:  
Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and  
The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Effective Date of Rule: October 1, 2006

  
Executive Director

Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing

<b>Division of Medicaid State of Mississippi Provider Policy Manual</b>	<b>New:</b> <b>Revised:</b> X <b>Current:</b>	<b>Date:</b> <b>Date:</b> 08/15/02 <b>10/01/06</b>
<b>Section: Immunization</b>	<b>Section:</b> 77.05	
<b>Subject: Vaccines for Adults</b>	<b>Pages:</b> 1	<b>Cross Reference:</b>

Adult immunization is an important public health opportunity. The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) covers immunizations for adults that are related to the treatment of injury or direct exposure to a disease such as rabies or tetanus. Influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations are covered services for Medicaid beneficiaries nineteen (19) years of age or older.

### Influenza Vaccine

Influenza ("the flu") is a highly contagious viral infection of the nose, throat, and lungs that is one of the most severe illnesses of the winter season. Influenza viruses continually change over time, and each year the vaccine is updated. In the United States the best time to vaccinate against influenza is from October to mid-November; however, influenza vaccinations can be given at any time during the season. Providers should use the most current influenza vaccine recommendations developed and endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

### Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine

Pneumococcal disease is an infection caused by the bacteria *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. The major clinical syndromes of invasive pneumococcal disease include pneumonia, bacteremia, and meningitis. Pneumococcal disease is a significant cause of morbidity and mortality in the United States. Providers should use the most current pneumococcal vaccine recommendations developed and endorsed by the CDC's ACIP.

Pneumococcal and influenza vaccinations may be given at the same time at (different injection sites) without increased side effects.

### Reimbursement

To receive maximum reimbursement for flu and pneumonia immunizations for adults, providers should bill as follows:

- For beneficiaries who come in only for these immunizations, providers may bill E&M procedure code 99211, the vaccine code(s), and the ~~G-~~ appropriate administration code(s). This E&M procedure code does not count toward the twelve (12) office visit limit for beneficiaries.
- For beneficiaries who are seen by the provider for evaluation or treatment and receive these immunizations, the provider may bill the appropriate E&M procedure code, the vaccine code(s), and the ~~G-~~ appropriate administration code(s). The E&M procedure code billed in this instance will count toward the twelve (12) office visit limit for beneficiaries.
- Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) providers will count visits under current procedures. Providers will not count or bill visits when the only service involved is the administration of influenza or pneumonia vaccine.

**DOM does not allow a separate reimbursement fee for the administration of FluMist.**

Providers should refer to Section 77.06 in this manual for information on nursing facility residents.