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**Message:**

DMAP will distribute the following updates about H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine coverage:

1. OHP client letter – CAF is mailing a flu communication to all OHP clients that will also include this letter from DMAP. It tells clients about the available vaccines, how to get them, and whether OHP will pay for them. The letter will also be on the [OHP Client Announcements](#) page.
2. Pharmacy and prescriber updates – These letters will be posted on the [OHP Provider Announcements](#) and [Pharmacy Program Announcements](#) pages, sent via eSubscribe, and mentioned in the Banner Messages of outgoing paper remittance advices to providers. The letters provide billing and coding information related to H1N1 vaccines and administration, and reminders on how to bill for seasonal flu vaccine.

**Can OHP clients get immunizations through a pharmacy flu clinic?**

Adult OHP Plus and Standard clients (age 19 and over) can receive immunizations from a local pharmacy if the pharmacy is enrolled with DMAP (for fee-for-service clients) or their DMAP medical plan (for managed care clients).

**Vaccine coverage for Medicare-Medicaid clients:**

Both the seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccines are covered by Medicare Part B when provided by Medicare-certified providers. DMAP does not cover vaccines for OHP with Limited Drug or Qualified Medicare Beneficiary clients (benefit plans BMM, BMD and MED).

For more information about Medicare coverage and H1N1, go to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services Web site at [www.cms.hhs.gov/H1N1](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/H1N1).

## Helpful links:

For more information about H1N1, go to the Public Health Division's Web site at <http://flu.oregon.gov>. The site provides links to current flu information, including presentations and information from the recent Summit on Influenza Preparedness. The [OHP home page](#) contains links to this and other flu Web sites.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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<b>E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:isabel.bickle@state.or.us">isabel.bickle@state.or.us</a>

<b>Pharmacy letter:</b>	DMAP Pharmacy Team
<b>E-mail:</b>	<a href="mailto:dmap.rxquestions@state.or.us">dmap.rxquestions@state.or.us</a>

<b>Client questions:</b>	OHP Client Services
<b>Telephone:</b>	800-273-0557

## ***Important information for OHP clients*** **Seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccine coverage**

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### **Prepare for two flus this season**

Each year brings a seasonal flu virus. This year, Oregon is also planning for cases of the H1N1 flu (once known as “swine flu”).

The H1N1 flu and the seasonal flu share many symptoms, such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, aches, chills and fatigue. With H1N1, some people may also experience diarrhea or vomiting.

### **Two flus mean two vaccines**

The H1N1 and seasonal flus are different viruses and require different vaccines.

- To fully protect yourself, you will need two vaccines: One for seasonal flu, and one for the H1N1 flu.
- Some children will need two doses of each vaccine.

Both vaccines are available as a shot or a nasal spray. Certain groups should not use vaccine nasal spray (see box).

Ask your doctor about what is best for you, and whether you can get the flu vaccines at your doctor’s office.

#### **Who can use vaccine nasal spray:**

People who are generally healthy, not pregnant and between the ages of two and 49.

#### **Who cannot use vaccine nasal spray:**

Children under age two; adults aged 50 or older; pregnant women; people with chronic medical conditions; children receiving long-term aspirin therapy.

### **OHP coverage of flu vaccines**

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) will pay for both vaccines for all OHP clients, except for Citizen-Alien Waived Emergency Medical (CAWEM) clients and OHP clients with Medicare coverage.

### **How to get the vaccine**

If your doctor is not providing the seasonal or H1N1 flu vaccines:

- Call 1-800-SAFENET or visit [www.flucliniclocator.org](http://www.flucliniclocator.org) to find a seasonal flu clinic near you.
- H1N1 vaccines should be available later this month. Find out where to get it by calling the Public Health Division’s Flu Hotline at 1-800-978-3040.

### **Certain groups should get H1N1 vaccine as soon as possible**

Get H1N1 vaccine as soon as possible for:

- Anyone six months to 24 years old.
- Pregnant women.
- People caring for or living with infants under six months of age.
- People aged 25 to 64 with medical conditions such as asthma or immune deficiencies.
- Health care workers.
- Front-line law enforcement officers.

For more information about what you can do to stay healthy and help stop the flu from spreading, go to <http://flu.oregon.gov>.

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### **Questions?**

- ☎ **Fee-for-service (“open card”) clients -** Contact OHP Client Services at 1-800-273-0557.
- ☎ **DMAP Medical Plan clients -** Contact your medical plan.
- ☎ **Medicare clients -** Contact your Medicare health plan or 1-800-MEDICARE.
- ☎ **If you need this letter in a larger print size or in a different format -** Contact your OHP worker.

### **H1N1 update**

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- If you are interested in providing H1N1 vaccine, contact your local health department. Approval of providers to administer H1N1 vaccine is at the discretion of the local health department. A list of local H1N1 contacts is on the Public Health Division Web site at [www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/docs/H1N1contacts.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/docs/H1N1contacts.pdf).
- DMAP will reimburse providers for administration of H1N1 vaccinations.

### **How to bill for H1N1 administration**

Bill the administration with code 90470 – H1N1 immunization administration (intramuscular, intranasal), including counseling when performed. Bill the vaccine with code 90663 with modifier -SL and without a charge.

### **Seasonal flu update**

**For OHP clients age 0-18**, seasonal flu vaccine serum is provided at no cost under the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. DMAP will reimburse for the administration of VFC vaccines, but only to providers enrolled with the VFC program.

- To enroll as a VFC provider, call 971-673-0300. For more information about the VFC program, go to [www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/vfc/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/imm/vfc/index.shtml).
- For each administration, bill the specific vaccination code, and add modifier -26 or -SL.

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# *Pharmacy update*

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### **How to bill for H1N1 administration**

Bill the following National Drug Codes through point of sale (POS).

- DMAP will use this data to determine the number of H1N1 vaccinations administered to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) clients.
- You will automatically receive the administration fee for vaccines billed POS.
- You will be reimbursed \$0 for the cost of the vaccine.

<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>NDC</b>	<b>Product description</b>
CSL	33332-0519-01	10 single-dose syringes, 0.5 mL
	33332-0629-10	1 ten-dose vial, 0.5 mL
Novartis	66521-0200-02	10 single-dose syringes, 0.5 mL
	66521-0200-10	1 ten-dose vial, 0.5 mL
Sanofi	49281-0650-25	10 single-dose syringes, 0.25 mL
	49281-0650-70	25 single-dose syringes, 0.25 mL
	49281-0650-50	10 single-dose syringes, 0.5 mL
	49281-0650-90	25 single-dose syringes, 0.5 ml
	49281-0650-10	10 single-dose vials, 0.5 ml
	49281-0640-15	1 ten-dose vial, 0.5 ml
MedImmune	66019-0200-10	10 single-dose sprayers (intranasal, live)

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