

mcp newsletter

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TO: ALL FEE-FOR-SERVICE PHYSICIANS

RE: TEMPORARY INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION FEE CODE

The influenza immunization fee code is temporarily available for the 2025 to 2026 flu season. For more information on influenza immunization, physicians are encouraged to visit [Time For The Shot - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador](#).

Please see below for an update on billing guidance when an influenza vaccine is administered with other vaccines as per [Newsletter 25-11](#) as well as updated guidance for paper documentation of influenza immunization.

54650	Influenza immunization; visit fee and/or fee code 54000 not payable in addition.....	17.16
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Billing Requirements for Influenza Immunization:

1. Billing rules when a visit is for **immunization(s) only**:
 - a) visit for **influenza immunization only** – claim one unit of fee code 54650;
 - b) visit for **influenza immunization and COVID-19 immunization** – claim one unit of 54661 (COVID-19 immunization) and one unit of 54656 (“each additional injection”);
 - c) visit for **influenza immunization and one or more of insured adult immunizations (i.e. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR); Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis; pneumococcal disease (Pneu-C-20), and shingles)**– claim the applicable units of 54648 (“Adult immunization for target populations as described in Appendix D”). COVID and/or influenza immunizations in this situation should be billed as the applicable units (i.e. one or two units) of 54656.

For further information on insured adult immunizations (i.e. MMR, tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis, Pneu-C-20, and shingles), please see [Newsletter 25-11](#).
2. Billing rules for a **visit for assessment and immunization(s)**:
 - a) visit for **assessment plus influenza immunization** – claim visit fee only;
 - b) visit for **assessment, and both influenza immunization and COVID-19 immunization** – claim visit fee and one unit of fee code 54662 (COVID-19 immunization add-on to office visit);

- c) visit for **assessment, and influenza immunization and one or more of insured adult immunizations (i.e. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR); Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis; pneumococcal disease (Pneu-C-20), and shingles)** – claim visit fee plus the applicable units of fee code 54649 (Adult immunization for target populations as described in Appendix D add-on to office visit). In this case, any immunizations for COVID or influenza are not billable in addition.
- 3. As per MCP Medical Payment Schedule Preamble sections 5.2 and 5.6, the billing physician must be physically present at the site where the influenza immunization(s) is administered.
- 4. Premiums cannot be billed with fee code 54650.

Documentation Requirements for Physicians Providing Influenza Immunization:

- 1. Each time an influenza vaccination is administered, it **must** be documented.

For Med Access users: a standardized documentation template is available within Med Access and must be used for billing purposes.

For non-Med Access users: if a physician is unable to use Med Access, paper documentation can be used. Immunization consent forms will be available at [Time For The Shot - Government of Newfoundland and Labrador](#).

Completed paper consent forms should be batched and submitted biweekly to:

Public Health Division
1st floor West Block, Confederation Building
Department of Health and Community Services
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
PO Box 8700
100 Prince Philip Drive
St. John's NL A1B 4J6

Consent forms should be transferred to the Public Health Division via courier service. To arrange courier service at no cost to the physician, please contact Robyn McMaster at RobynMcMaster@gov.nl.ca. The custodian of personal health information must ensure that this transfer of information is in compliance with the **Personal Health Information Act**.

- 2. If a visit for assessment is billed with the influenza immunization, the record of service for that visit must meet the minimum requirements for the applicable visit billed as

stated in the MCP Medical Payment Schedule preamble. Documentation of the influenza vaccination is also required as above in 1.

3. If the influenza immunization is provided at the same time as another immunization(s), each immunization must be documented separately.

Contacting patients to remind them of the availability of the influenza immunization is not viewed by MCP as solicitation.

Questions relating to the content of this newsletter should be directed to the AssistantMedicalDirector@gov.nl.ca or 1 (709) 758-1557.