



# More Time-Saving Help

## FOR YOUR BUSY PRACTICE

All year round—but especially during flu season—these resources, procedures, and information can help ease your work load.

### Standing Orders

Standing orders can greatly increase and facilitate the flow of patients receiving immunizations, while also contributing to your patients' good health. Standing orders authorize nurses and pharmacists, where allowed by state law, to administer vaccinations according to an institution- or physician-approved protocol without the need for a physician's examination or direct order. Easy to implement, they are used routinely and successfully in practices and mass immunization sites in many states. The laws governing use of standing orders vary from state to state. For more information about using standing orders in your area, contact your state's Quality Improvement Organization (QIO). To obtain the name and phone number of your state QIO, call **1-800-Medicare**.

### Influenza and Pneumococcal Billing Codes

The table below has the influenza and pneumococcal codes you will need to provide on Medicare claim forms.

Influenza	Pneumococcal
<p><b>HCPCS vaccine code</b></p> <p><b>90657</b> (Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 6-35 months dosage, for intramuscular or jet injection use)</p> <p><b>90658</b> (Influenza virus vaccine, split virus, 3 years &amp; above dosage, for intramuscular or jet injection use)</p> <p><b>Vaccine administration: G0008</b></p> <p><b>Diagnosis code for Influenza: V04.8</b></p>	<p><b>HCPCS vaccine code</b></p> <p><b>90732</b> (Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine, 23-valent, adult dosage, for subcutaneous or intramuscular use)</p> <p><b>Vaccine administration: G0009</b></p> <p><b>Diagnosis code for Pneumococcal: V03.82</b></p>

### Simplified Billing

Medicare's roster billing system for influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide immunizations can make it easy to file claims. Roster billing allows mass immunizers—that is, providers who accept Medicare assignment for the vaccines and bill Medicare for the vaccines for multiple beneficiaries—to submit one claim form with a list of immunized beneficiaries. Visit [www.cms.hhs.gov/preventiveservices/2.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/preventiveservices/2.asp) to find out more.

### Free Clinical Assessment Software

The Adult (and Adolescent) Clinic Assessment Software Application (ACASA) can help providers improve the quality of patient care. Available at no charge from the CDC's National Immunization Program, ACASA can help you to assess immunization levels in your practice and to produce reports to help clinical staff diagnose service delivery problems. The ACASA software, user manual, and tools may be downloaded free from the CDC Web site at [www.cdc.gov/nip/casa/acasa.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nip/casa/acasa.htm).



# Tell us what you think!

You make the difference in increasing senior immunization rates. Please take a moment to tell us what you think of this “Immunize Now” resource kit, and let us know how it can be improved.

1. I am a:  Physician  Registered Nurse  Physician Assistant  
 Administrator  Nurse Practitioner  Other \_\_\_\_\_ (SPECIFY)

2. My work site is:  Within a hospital  A free-standing clinic or office  
 Part of an HMO  Other \_\_\_\_\_ (SPECIFY)

3. In our office, we see \_\_\_\_\_ (INSERT NUMBER) patients per month.  
Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ (INSERT NUMBER) percent of them are age 65 or older.  
Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ (INSERT NUMBER) percent of your patients have a chronic condition that puts them at high risk for complications from influenza or pneumococcal disease.

4. Which items in this kit were most useful or helpful to you?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> What's New for Fall 2003?                      | <input type="checkbox"/> More Time-Saving Help                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Influenza Vaccination Pocket Guide             | <input type="checkbox"/> Posters   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule (card) | <input type="checkbox"/> Influenza Flyers  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summary of Recommendations (chart)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Questions about the Pneumonia Shot (bilingual brochure) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free CDC Immunization Resources & Order Form   |  |

5. What would you change about this “Immunize Now” kit?

Fax this form to “Immunize Now”  
202-884-8760

*Thank You!*