

## Seasonal and H1N1 Vaccine and Administration Coding

When coding the flu vaccine, whether seasonal or H1N1, claims must be submitted with both the administration code and the vaccine code together.

Both the Seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu vaccines may be administered on the same day, however, keep in mind that Correct Coding Initiative edits may require the use of modifier 59 to allow both administration codes to pay. (e.g., 90655 reported with 90663 – 59 or 90471 reported with G0008-59).

Be sure to match each vaccine code to its correct method of administration code. An intranasal or oral vaccine must be reported with an intranasal or oral administration code.

For reporting **Seasonal Flu** (not Influenza A [H1N1] vaccines) use codes:

Code	Description	Comments
90655 – 90658	Intramuscular (IM) vaccine	Be aware of the age restrictions on some of the codes.
90465 – 90466	IM administration codes	With physician face-to-face counseling.
90471 – 90472	IM administration codes	Not accompanied by face-to-face counseling.
90660	Intranasal vaccine	
90467 – 90468	Intranasal or Oral administration	With physician face-to-face counseling.
90473 – 90474	Intranasal or Oral administration	Do not report 90473 in conjunction with 90471 or 90472.

**Note:** Medicare billing requires the use of Administration code **G0008** and submission of diagnosis code **V04.81** for Seasonal flu.

For reporting **H1N1 (Influenza A) flu** vaccine use codes:

Code	Description	Comments
90470	H1N1 immunization administration (intramuscular or intranasal) including counseling when performed	Payable equal to G0008.
90663*	Influenza virus vaccine, pandemic formulation, H1N1	Not payable as it's provided free of charge from the government.
G9141	Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (includes the physician counseling the patient/family)	Payable equal to G0008.
G9142*	Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, any route of administration	Not payable as it's provided free of charge from the government.

**Note:** New diagnosis code **488.1** was established for H1N1 effective 10/1/09.

\**CMO is recommending that 90663 and G9142 be billed with a \$0 charge to avoid receiving "No Base Code" denials.*