Reminder: Proper coding is required when billing for flu vaccinations

Security Health Plan follows the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidelines for vaccinations. As flu season will be upon us shortly, please remember to review the coding guidelines to ensure the appropriate administration is being billed for each vaccine submitted. This also applies to other Medicare Part B covered vaccines such as the Pneumococcal and Hepatitis B vaccines for high-risk individuals.

Vaccinations billed with the incorrect administration code will have the administration code denied.

The best practice is to bill the vaccine and administration on the same claim or at the same time if a separate claim is required. Please review your billing guidelines to ensure the correct CPT and diagnoses are being billed and be sure that you are following Medicare guidelines for vaccinations.

Please refer to the Medicare guidelines below:

Flu Shot and Administration:
https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/PrevntionGenInfo/medicare-preventive-services/MPS-QuickReferenceChart-1.html#FLU

Pneumococcal Shot & Administration
https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/PrevntionGenInfo/medicare-preventive-services/MPS-QuickReferenceChart-1.html#PNEUMO

Hepatitis B Shot & Administration for High-risk Individuals:
https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/PrevntionGenInfo/medicare-preventive-services/MPS-QuickReferenceChart-1.html#HEP_B