



Immunizations billed with CPT® 90707 and 90716 Were Incorrectly Denied as EXxa

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Meridian has identified a system issue relating to underpayment of vaccinations. There is no action on your part, we will be reprocessing claims that have been identified underpaid based on HFS fee schedule. Recently, Meridian Program Integrity implemented an edit to apply coding principles to follow the use of the most comprehensive code for certain immunizations. The preferable coding for MMR and Varicella Immunizations is to use the comprehensive code - CPT® 90710 - MMRV. Currently, claims billed with CPT® 90707 - MMR and CPT® 90716 - Varicella are applying a denial of EXxa - code is a component of a more comprehensive code and paying the service under CPT® 90710. Meridian recognizes that HFS requires reimbursing the administration fee for each immunization given. The system is being updated to remove this code editing. Claims will be adjusted to reverse the payment under CPT® 90710 and reprocess CPT® 90707 and CPT® 90716 to reimburse separately. No further action is required by providers. This issue is impacting claims for Health Choice Illinois and YouthCare.