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H1N1 SWINE FLU VACCINE UPDATE

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- **CPT Codes:**
 - ○ **90470:** H1N1 swine flu vaccine administration (intramuscular, intranasal), including counseling when performed
 - ○ **90663:** H1N1 swine flu vaccine
- **How to Bill:**
 - ○ Providers will be paid for vaccine administration **only**
 - ○ Both codes should be used to ensure reimbursement for administration cost
 - ○ The 90663 code for the vaccine itself is billed for **zero dollars** (\$0)
- **Billing Cap:**
 - ○ The maximum amount allowed in San Francisco when charging a patient or billing a public payer (Medicare or Medi-Cal) for the administration charge is \$27.43.
 - ○ When billing private insurance, there is no maximum cap set.
- **VIS Availability**
 - ○ Both the intranasal and the injectable H1N1 Swine Flu Vaccine Information Statements (VIS) are now available online in English, Spanish, and Chinese. <http://immunize.org/vis> or <http://sfcdcp.org/flu>
- **Vaccine Storage:**
 - ○ Make arrangements for adequate refrigerator space to store the pre-filled thimerosal-free syringes.
 - ○ One pack of 10 pre-filled syringes is about the same size as 20 multi-dose vials (200 doses).
- **H1N1 Swine Flu Vaccine Schedule:**
 - ○ Indications are that one dose of H1N1 vaccine will be the official recommendation for persons 10 years and older.
 - ○ Children less than 10 years old are likely to need two doses separated by 3-4 weeks.

Reminder: Initial shipments (first 1-3 weeks) of vaccine in San Francisco will go to Ob/Gyn, Pediatric, Family Practice, and Hospital sites in order to serve highest risk groups. SFDPH will also be conducting free public vaccination clinics to serve those same high risk groups at 10 community health centers around the City. The H1N1 vaccine is still expected to begin arriving in late October to early November.



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