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Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine (LAIV) Will Not Be Covered During the 2016-2017 Flu Season

Background

On June 22, 2016, the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted that live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), also known as the "nasal spray" flu vaccine should not be used during the 2016-2017 flu season. LAIV is sold as FluMist Quadrivalent.

ACIP continues to recommend annual flu vaccination, with either the inactivated influenza vaccine (IIV) or recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV), for everyone 6 months and older.

Impact

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus will follow the recommendations of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) will not be covered effective September 19, 2016.

Claims submitted for this vaccine (CPTs: 90660, 90664, 90672) and the administration (CPT: 90473) will deny as provider liability.

Products Impacted

This change applies to Commercial and Government Programs lines of business; excluding the Federal Employee Program® (FEP).

Additional Information

The CDC announcement can be viewed at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2016/s0622-laiv-flu.html>

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at (651) 662-5200 or 1-800-262-0820.