



# PROVIDER *bulletin*

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Dear Providers:

2009 H1N1 flu (aka swine flu) is a new influenza virus that is different than the seasonal flu virus that is typically experienced during the fall/winter flu season. In June 2009, the World Health Organization declared the H1N1 virus a global pandemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends vaccinating those people who fall into the following categories:

- Pregnant women
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants under 6 months old (e.g., parents, siblings and daycare providers)
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- Persons aged 6 months – 24 years
- Persons aged 25 – 64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza related complications

**Effective October 1, 2009, the following two CPT Codes should be used to track and report H1N1 vaccinations, and when submitting claims:**

- **90470** - H1N1 immunization administration (intramuscular, intranasal), including counseling when performed; and
- **90663** – Influenza virus vaccine, pandemic formulation, H1N1.

Kern Health Systems will cover the cost of administration of the H1N1 vaccine for our Medi-Cal and Healthy Families Program members (but not the cost of the vaccine, which is freely available from the federal government). For more information on the H1N1 influenza virus, visit the CDC's website <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>. If you have questions, please contact Kern Health Systems Provider Relations Department at (661) 664-5146.

Sincerely,

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