

February 1, 2012

Dear Healthcare Practitioner,

Presbyterian Health Plan and Presbyterian Insurance Company, Inc. (Presbyterian) are committed to ensuring that our practitioners and providers are kept apprised of changes that affect the way health care is administered.

Effective March 1, 2012, Presbyterian will cover CPT code 90649, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (Gardasil) for male patients starting at age 11, up to their 22nd birthday. This coverage is effective for all lines of business.

Presbyterian will not cover the vaccine when administered prior to the male patient's 11th birthday, or after their 22nd birthday. Claims submitted for the vaccine outside the ages of 11 to 22 will deny as "Not a covered benefit."

Presbyterian participates in the New Mexico Department of Health Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. The VFC program covers the cost of the HPV vaccine in offices for males between the ages of 9 and 18.

In order to capture the vaccine data, we ask that for **both** electronic and paper claims, you use the code for the exact vaccine administered and enter zero for the billed charge. The immunization administration codes 90471 and 90472 must be used in addition to the vaccine code as follows:

- 90471 is used for the first immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, intramuscular and oral; one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) and is entered as one (1) unit charge.
- 90472 is used as an add-on code, meaning that it is listed separately for all additional vaccine administrations (single or combination vaccines) administered. Billing of multiple vaccine administrations is represented by unit increases rather than repeating 90472 on your claim.

Additional information on the VFC program can be found at the following link:

<http://www.immunizenm.org/Provider/vacchild.shtml>.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has posted the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices "Recommendations on the Use of Quadrivalent HPV Vaccines in Males" at the following link:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6050a3.htm>

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If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Network Management Coordinator and/or Representative. Your assigned Coordinator and Representative and their contact information are listed on www.phs.org at the following link: <http://www.phs.org/PHS/healthplans/providers/WCMDEV1001499>. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Albert Rizzoli, MD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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