

New Component-Based Vaccine Administration Codes Effective 2011

To help more accurately account for the work and practice expenses associated with the administration of vaccines, the American Medical Association has established new CPT^a codes for the reporting of childhood and adolescent immunization administration when vaccine counseling is provided. The new codes are based on the number of components in a vaccine. A component refers to all antigens in a vaccine that prevent disease caused by one organism. Beginning January 1, 2011, the new codes are reported per component as follows:

Primary code (first vaccine or toxoid component)

90460	Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health-care professional.
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Add-on code (each additional vaccine or toxoid component)

+90461	Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health-care professional.
This code can only be reported in conjunction with the primary code, and replaces add-on codes 90466 and 90468.	

- As of January 1, 2011, the physician counseling codes (CPT 90465-90468) will no longer be active
- The long-standing codes for vaccine administration (CPT 90471-90474) will remain active and should be used when vaccines are administered *with or without counseling* to patients 19 years of age or older and if no counseling is provided to patients 18 years of age and younger

Offices should contact the health plans they contract with to determine payment for the component-based vaccine administration codes. If assistance is required, please contact the Reimbursement Support Service (RSS) at **1-800-VACCINE** (1-800-822-2463).

^a CPT = Current Procedural Terminology is a registered trademark of the American Medical Association.

Please see next page for helpful examples of coding multiple-component (combination) pediatric and adolescent vaccines and their administration.

Coding examples using the component-based vaccine administration codes

For Pediatric Immunization

A 6-month-old child is immunized with Pentacel® (Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, Inactivated Poliovirus and Haemophilus b Conjugate [Tetanus Toxoid Conjugate] Vaccine), rotavirus, hepatitis B, and pneumococcal conjugate vaccines at a well-visit. The physician counsels the parents on all the vaccines being administered.

Date	CPT code	Units	Diagnosis code	Vaccine-specific diagnosis code if required by health plan
1/11/11	99391 (well-visit)	1	V20.2	Not applicable
1/11/11	90698 (Pentacel vaccine)	1	V20.2	V06.8
1/11/11	90460 (first component)	1	V20.2	V06.8
1/11/11	90461 (additional components)	4	V20.2	V06.8
1/11/11	90744 (hepatitis B vaccine)	1	V20.2	V05.3
1/11/11	90460 (first component)	1	V20.2	V05.3
1/11/11	90670 (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine)	1	V20.2	V03.82
1/11/11	90460 (first component)	1	V20.2	V03.82
1/11/11	90680 (rotavirus vaccine)	1	V20.2	V04.89
1/11/11	90460 (first component)	1	V20.2	V04.89

In keeping with new administration guidelines, CPT code 90460 is used for reporting the first component of each of the 4 vaccines administered during the well-visit. In the case of Pentacel vaccine, a combination vaccine, CPT code 90461 is used to denote each of the 4 additional components.

For Adolescent Immunization

A 14-year-old adolescent is immunized at a well-visit with Adacel® (Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed), Menactra® (Meningococcal [Groups A, C, Y and W-135] Polysaccharide Diphtheria Toxoid Conjugate Vaccine), and GARDASIL® (Human Papillomavirus Quadrivalent [Types 6, 11, 16, and 18] Vaccine, Recombinant). Counseling is provided by the registered nurse who is considered by the state to be a qualified health-care professional for vaccine counseling.

Date	CPT code	Units	Diagnosis code	Vaccine-specific diagnosis code if required by health plan
1/11/11	99394 (well-visit)	1	V20.2	Not applicable
1/11/11	90715 (Adacel vaccine)	1	V20.2	V06.1
1/11/11	90460 (first component)	1	V20.2	V06.1
1/11/11	90461 (additional components)	2	V20.2	V06.1
1/11/11	90734 (Menactra vaccine)	1	V20.2	V03.89
1/11/11	90460 (first component)	1	V20.2	V03.89
1/11/11	90649 (GARDASIL vaccine)	1	V20.2	V04.89
1/11/11	90460 (first component)	1	V20.2	V04.89

In keeping with new administration guidelines, CPT code 90460 is used for reporting the first component of each vaccine administered during the well-visit. In the case of Adacel vaccine, a combination vaccine, CPT code 90461 is used to denote each of the 2 additional components.

For additional information on coding and billing resources for vaccine administration and all sanofi pasteur products, please visit the Reimbursement Information section on VaccineShoppe.com®.

For assistance with questions about payment for administration of sanofi pasteur products, please contact the sanofi pasteur Reimbursement Support Service (RSS) at **1-800-VACCINE** (1-800-822-2463) and choose the prompt for the RSS.

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