TO: Home Health Agencies Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Julian J. Harris, M.D., Medicaid Director

RE: Coverage of Seasonal Influenza Vaccinations

**Background**
This bulletin contains MassHealth payment and coverage policies and billing instructions for the seasonal influenza vaccine administered by home health agencies to MassHealth members in the absence of a skilled nursing visit or office visit.

**Eligible Members**
Eligible individuals are MassHealth members who are eligible to receive home health services and who have not received the seasonal flu vaccine as part of a home visit or office visit.

**Eligible Providers**
Effective November 4, 2011, MassHealth pays home health agencies to administer the seasonal influenza vaccine, as described in this bulletin.

**Payment and Billing for Seasonal Influenza Administration**
MassHealth will make a separate payment to home health agencies to administer the seasonal flu vaccine to eligible MassHealth members in the absence of a skilled nursing visit or office visit. Home health agencies must submit a separate claim for each member vaccinated, and bill as follows.

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<td>Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)</td>
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**Questions**
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