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Dear Medicare Provider:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that vaccine administration costs associated with Part D vaccines (ie; Zostavax) be covered under the Part D Prescription Drug Benefit. To comply with this requirement, SummaCare will discontinue payment of CPT code 90471 under medical benefits, unless billed with a Part B covered vaccine (ie; Influenza, Hepatitis B.)

Effective with dates of service August 1, 2010 and after, when CPT code 90471 is billed without a Part B covered vaccine, the code will reject with the following message:

“NOT A MEDICAL BENEFIT, COVERED UNDER PART D - BILL PATIENT”

For members who have Part D coverage through SummaCare, we will forward rejected 90471 administration charges to Catalyst Rx for processing under the member's Part D Prescription Drug Benefits. Any reimbursement due will be sent to the member along with an explanation of benefits.

For more information about CMS regulations and guidance, please visit www.cms.hhs.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact Provider Support Services at 330-996-8400 or 800-996-8401 or via email contactproviderservices@summacare.com.

Sincerely,

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