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Dear Provider,

Billing for Multiple Flu Tests

We have recently seen an increase in billing/claims that include two units of CPT code 87804 for influenza testing. Unfortunately, if you bill in this manner, your claim will be denied. We apologize, and ask that you follow the instructions below to bill for multiple flu tests so your claim will be approved.

Effective August 27, 2011, modifier 59 was added as a permitted option. We will accept either modifier 91 or 59 when billed on a separate claim line with code 87804.

Billing for Influenza A and B Testing

Providers that test clients for influenza A and influenza B on the same date of service and use procedure code 87804 to bill for each test must submit two separate details on the claim submission. Modifier 91 must be added to the second test to indicate a repeated clinical laboratory test billed more than once per day.

Although the different strains of influenza require different tests, each test is billed using the same procedure code, so the second test is considered a repeated test.

For more information, please call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126 or the TMHPCSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.