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TO: **Health Care Provider – Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC); ARKids First-B; Child Health Services (EPSDT); Critical Access Hospital; Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC); Hospital; Nurse Practitioner; Physician; Rural Health Clinic (RHC) and Arkansas Department of Health**

DATE:

SUBJECT: **Influenza Virus Vaccine, for Intranasal Use**

There is a shortage of influenza virus vaccines administered by injection during the 2004 – 2005 flu season. Effective for dates of service on and after October 15, 2004, influenza virus vaccine, for intranasal use will be covered by the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

- A. Medicaid coverage of this vaccine for intranasal use is *temporary* with coverage ending March 31, 2005. Coverage of the vaccine is limited to healthy individuals ages 5 through 49 and not pregnant.

The purpose for coverage of this vaccine is to better ensure vaccination of individuals who are considered at risk if the disease is contracted and those who are routinely in contact with individuals at risk.

- B. Procedure code **90660** must be used when filing claims. This procedure code is payable to ambulatory surgical center, critical access hospital, FQHC, hospital, nurse practitioner, physician and rural health clinic.

Thank you for your participation in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

Roy Jeffus, Director

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