

Payment Policy | Allergy Immunotherapy Injections



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OVERVIEW

This policy documents Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island's (BCBSRI) reimbursement process for allergens and immunotherapy CPT codes. BCBSRI follows the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding the reimbursement for the codes listed in this policy.

MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable.

POLICY STATEMENT

BlueCHiP for Medicare and Commercial Products

The administration of antigens and their preparation for allergy immunotherapy is a covered service.

Codes 95120-95134 describe complete service codes representing the combined preparation and supply of antigen for allergy immunotherapy in addition to the allergy injection provided.

Medicare does not use these codes for payment purposes.

NOTE:

Allergy injection codes and E/M codes should not be filed on the same day unless the E/M is separately identifiable. If the E/M is separately identifiable, append modifier -25 to the office visit.

COVERAGE

Benefits may vary between groups and contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Benefit Booklet, Evidence of Coverage or Subscriber Agreement for applicable allergist office visits benefits/coverage.

BACKGROUND

Allergen immunotherapy is a treatment program for individuals who have hypersensitivity to one or more allergens. The objective of the therapy is to lessen or diminish symptoms when the individual is exposed to the allergen in the future. Immunotherapy consists of injections that contain progressively larger amounts of allergen until the individual reaches and then is able to continue on a maintenance dose level.

CODING

Blue CHiP for Medicare and Commercial:

The following codes are covered

- 95115 Professional services for allergen immunotherapy not including provision of allergenic extracts; single injection
- 95117 Professional services for allergen immunotherapy not including provision of allergenic extracts; 2 or more injections
- 95144 Professional services for the supervision of preparation and provision of antigens for allergen immunotherapy, single dose vial(s) (specify number of vials)

- 95145 Professional services for the supervision of preparation and provision of antigens for allergen immunotherapy (specify number of doses); single stinging insect venom
- 95146 Professional services for the supervision of preparation and provision of antigens for allergen immunotherapy (specify number of doses); 2 single stinging insect venoms
- 95147 Professional services for the supervision of preparation and provision of antigens for allergen immunotherapy (specify number of doses); 3 single stinging insect venoms
- 95148 Professional services for the supervision of preparation and provision of antigens for allergen immunotherapy (specify number of doses); 4 single stinging insect venoms
- 95149 Professional services for the supervision of preparation and provision of antigens for allergen immunotherapy (specify number of doses); 5 single stinging insect venoms
- 95165 Professional services for the supervision of preparation and provision of antigens for allergen immunotherapy; single or multiple antigens (specify number of doses)
- 95170 Professional services for the supervision of preparation and provision of antigens for allergen immunotherapy; whole body extract of biting insect or other arthropod (specify number of doses)

Claims filed with the below codes will deny as Use Alternate Code:

- 95120 Professional services for allergen immunotherapy in the office or institution of the prescribing physician or other qualified health care professional, including provision of allergenic extract; single injection
- 95125 Professional services for allergen immunotherapy in the office or institution of the prescribing physician or other qualified health care professional, including provision of allergenic extract; 2 or more injections
- 95130 Professional services for allergen immunotherapy in the office or institution of the prescribing physician or other qualified health care professional, including provision of allergenic extract; single stinging insect venom
- 95131 Professional services for allergen immunotherapy in the office or institution of the prescribing physician or other qualified health care professional, including provision of allergenic extract; 2 stinging insect venoms
- 95132 Professional services for allergen immunotherapy in the office or institution of the prescribing physician or other qualified health care professional, including provision of allergenic extract; 3 stinging insect venoms
- 95133 Professional services for allergen immunotherapy in the office or institution of the prescribing physician or other qualified health care professional, including provision of allergenic extract; 4 stinging insect venoms
- 95134 Professional services for allergen immunotherapy in the office or institution of the prescribing physician or other qualified health care professional, including provision of allergenic extract; 5 stinging insect venoms

RELATED POLICIES

N/A

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REFERENCES

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