

# NOTICE: Allergy and Immunotherapy Services

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Dear provider,

The following codes are billed for allergy/immunotherapy services. When billing for these services it is important the correct code is billed and supporting documentation is in the medical record.

Code 95004 is billed for the percutaneous testing with allergenic extracts, immediate type reaction and includes interpretation. The number of tests should be specified. Per AHCCCS guidelines, the max daily allowable units are 125 units.

Code 95165 represents the antigen preparation only and does not include the administration. Supporting documentation would include a mix sheet or similar document listing the total units and date of the mix along with the name or initials of the staff preparing the antigen. Documentation should be included in the medical record each time code 95165 is billed. Per AHCCCS guidelines, the daily max units allowable for 95165 is 30 units.

Codes 95115 – 95117 are billed for the professional allergenic extract administration by injection. For each day allergy antigen is administered the following components should be included in the documentation; the date, the dose, the site, route of administration, reaction, and identification of provider that administered the antigen. Per AHCCCS guidelines, the daily max units allowable for codes 95115-95117 is 1 unit.

Without the complete documentation of the mixing and administration of allergy antigen the medical record does not support these billed services. When responding to medical record requests involving allergy immunology services, please be sure to include documentation that supports the testing, consent to treat, prescribing, mixing and administration of the antigen for each day these services are billed.

The American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (AAAI)[iv] lists documentation recommendations for each immunotherapy encounter to include:

Identification of allergen extract

Vial identified by color, number, or other designation

The dilution or concentration and expiration date

The amount of serum administered with the route and site of administration

Attestation and identification of the provider administering the injection

The reaction to the injection after 20 minutes

References: EncoderPro.com for Payers, Professional; CMS, Billing and Coding: Allergy Immunotherapy (A56424), 10/27/2022; Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the OIG: Allergen Immunotherapy for Medicare Beneficiaries; The American Academy of allergy asthma and immunology, Allergen Therapy Templates

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