

Are you billing drug codes that will soon be considered obsolete?

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BCBSAZ publishes a [list of obsolete drug codes](#). These codes are not eligible for reimbursement.

Prepare now for the July 1 updates

Effective July 1, 2022, we will add 22 additional codes to the obsolete drug code list—below are some of these codes. You can avoid claim denials by updating your system and informing your clinical and billing staff of our complete list of obsolete pharmacy codes. This helpful resource includes links to CMS and the National Bureau of Economic Research that you can access to ensure you are using only current CPT®/HCPCS codes for the national drug codes on your claims.

Obsolete Code	Description	Applicable Current CPT/HCPCS Code(s)
90649	HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE, TYPE 6, 11, 16, 18 QUADRIVALENT, 3 DOSE, IM USE	Gardasil® was replaced by Gardasil 9, billed under 90651 .
90650	HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINE, TYPE 16, 18 BIVALENT, 3 DOSE, IM USE	Cervarix® is no longer manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline (discontinued in 2016).
90655	INFLUENZA VIRUS VAC, TRIVALENT, SPLIT VIRUS, PRESERV FREE, 0.25 ML DOSAGE, IM	Trivalent forms of Fluzone® are no longer manufactured. Other forms of Fluzone can be billed with 90662 (high-dose) or 90685/90686/90687/90688 (Fluzone Quadrivalent®).
J0400	INJECTION, ARIPIRAZOLE, INTRAMUSCULAR, 0.25 MG	This form of Abilify® is no longer manufactured. Abilify Maintena® is billed under J0401 .
Q2038	INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE SPLIT VIRUS, WHEN ADMIN TO INDIVIDUALS 3 YRS/> (FLUZONE)	Split virus forms of Fluzone are no longer manufactured. Other forms of Fluzone can be billed with 90662 (high-dose) or 90685/90686/90687/90688 (Fluzone Quadrivalent).

Where to find the BCBSAZ list of obsolete drug codes

You can view and download the [list of obsolete pharmacy codes](#) in the secure provider portal at azblue.com/providers: “Provider Resources > Guidelines > Claim Pricing > Obsolete Pharmacy CPT/HCPCS Codes.” We deny codes on this list.

Questions?

If you have questions about obsolete drug codes, please reach out to your [provider liaison](#) or call Provider Partnerships at 602-864-4231 or 1-800-232-2345, ext. 4231.

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