

## **Provider Education Preventative Medicine Counseling Codes:**

Health First Colorado covers COVID-19 vaccine counseling visits in which healthcare providers talk to families about the importance of vaccination. Health First Colorado will also reimburse for and cover stand-alone vaccine counseling visits as part of vaccine administration required for all routine vaccines. Providers should bill **CPT 99401** for visits in which healthcare providers give counseling about the importance of vaccination. Providers should include modifier CR for all COVID-19 vaccine counseling-only visits.

Providers should not bill for the vaccine counseling code and the vaccine administration code on the same date of service. Vaccine administration codes are inclusive of counseling.

CPT 99401 can be billed at only one visit for each member per day, but there are no quantity limits for the number of times this education is provided to an individual member.

Keep documentation in the member's chart that shows the duration of counseling and a list of the prevention topics covered during counseling.

If there is a separately identifiable Evaluation and Management (E/M) service performed outside of vaccine counseling and immunization administration, a separate E/M visit code may be reported, along with modifier 25.

When using a modifier is appropriate, refer to the [CMS National Correct Coding Initiative \(NCCI\) Policy Manual](#), Chapter 1, Section E for specific guidance on the proper use of modifiers.