



COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

Billing and Reimbursement

For the most up-to-date information, please see CMA's COVID-19 Vaccine webpage at www.cmadoes.org/covid-19/vaccine.

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COVID Vaccine Administration - General Information



- Physicians who participate in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program contractually agree to administer regardless of an individual's ability to pay/coverage and billing.
- Both public and private payors are required to cover the vaccine administration **without any patient cost sharing**.
- Physicians will be reimbursed for vaccine administration, but may not seek reimbursement from vaccine recipients, including for CPT 99072 (PPE, cleaning supplies, etc.).
- Uninsured or those without coverage for the vaccine can also receive it at no cost and providers may submit for reimbursement through Provider Relief Fund.



AMA CPT Guidance

In accordance with new vaccine-specific product CPT codes, new vaccine administration codes were created.

Manufacturer	National Drug Code	Vaccine Serum CPT	1 st Admin CPT	2 nd Admin CPT	3 rd Admin CPT	Booster CPT
Pfizer (Age 12+)	59267-1000-1	91300	0001A	0002A	0003A	0004A
*Pfizer (Age 5-11) * <i>Not yet approved</i>	59267-1000-1	91307	0071A	0072A		
Moderna	80777-273-10	91301	0011A	0012A	0013A	
Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)	59676-0580-05	91303	0031A			

- Physicians should not bill for the vaccine itself at this time.
- 3rd dose vs. booster

Claim Submission and Reimbursement



Medicare Fee-For-Service and Medicare Advantage Summary)

- CMS carved out COVID-19 vaccine administration benefit from Medicare Advantage plans and will reimburse under Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) system.
- **Submit claims to Noridian with patient's Medicare FFS ID number (not MA ID number).**
 - Obtain Mcre FFS ID # with patient name and SSN <https://www.noridianmedicareportal.com/>
- Reimbursement = \$40 for each dose required.
- Effective June 8, 2021, Medicare allows additional \$35 payment per dose for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in the home for certain Medicare patients.
- **To be paid, physicians MUST have Medicare billing privileges.**
 - Request provisional billing privileges during PHE - call (866)-575-4067



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Medi-Cal (FFS and Managed Care)

- DHCS carved out COVID-19 vaccine administration benefit from Medi-Cal managed care plans and will reimburse under Medi-Cal FFS system.
- **Submit claims to Medi-Cal FFS with patient's Medi-Cal benefit ID number (not Medi-Cal managed care number).**
 - Obtain Mcal FFS ID number with patient name an SSN at <https://medi-cal.ca.gov/> or by calling (800) 456-AEVS.
- Reimbursement - \$40 for each dose required.
- **To be paid, physicians MUST be enrolled in Mcal system.**
 - Streamlined emergency Mcal enrollment process - www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/PAVE.aspx

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Commercial Health Plans and Insurers

- Submit claims to plan or delegated group as you normally would, unless notified otherwise by health plan/delegated group.
 - **Blue Shield HMO claims-bill Blue Shield directly, rather than delegated group.**
- Submit claims to insurers as you normally would.
- Reimbursement
 - In-network physicians = reimbursed at contracted rate.
 - Out-of-network providers must be reimbursed at a “reasonable rate,” which CMS suggests is the Medicare rate (\$40 for each dose required).



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Self-Funded/ERISA Plans

- CARES Act requires self-funded plans to cover administration of COVID-19 vaccines with no patient cost sharing for in- or out-of-network providers during national public health emergency.

Uninsured Patients

- Physicians can be reimbursed for administering COVID-19 vaccine through Provider Relief Fund, administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
- Reimbursement at Medicare rates (\$40/shot), subject to available funding.
- For more information on COVID-19 vaccine administration claim submission for uninsured individuals, HRSA website - <https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com/>.





Vaccine Administration Resources

- CMA's COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit for Medical Practices and Reimbursement Quick Guide

www.cmadocs.org/covid-19/vaccine

- CMS COVID-19 Insurers Toolkit

www.cms.gov/files/document/COVID-19-toolkit-issuers-MA-plans.pdf

- Personalized claim support for CMA members and staff

(888) 401-5911 or economicservices@cmadocs.org



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