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UPDATE: Medicaid Coverage for the 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccines for Pharmacy Providers Not Enrolled in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

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Updates are highlighted.

Effective 11/14/2023, in an effort to enhance access to COVID-19 vaccines for children and adolescents, New York State Medicaid will **now** reimburse qualified pharmacy providers that are *not* enrolled in the VFC program for the actual acquisition cost of the COVID-19 vaccine and its administration when administered to members younger than 19 years of age **during the 2023-2024 vaccine season.**

Billing Instructions for Providers Enrolled in the VFC Program

VFC-enrolled providers should continue to bill NYRx for VFC-provided vaccines by submitting the procedure code "90460" for administration and the appropriate COVID-19 vaccine procedure code from the table below. **Reminder: VFC-enrolled providers are responsible for ordering and utilizing VFC stock and should not bill a cost for VFC-obtained vaccine to the Medicaid program.**

Billing Instructions for Providers *Not* Enrolled in the VFC Program

Providers that do not participate in the VFC program will submit the procedure code **"90460"** for the administration of a VFC-eligible vaccine and the appropriate COVID-19 vaccine procedure code from the table below, with the actual acquisition cost of the vaccine. NYS Medicaid will reimburse $25.10 for the administration of VFC-eligible vaccines to Medicaid members under 19 years of age. **Pharmacy providers enrolled in NYS Medicaid are responsible for ensuring appropriate billing for members younger than 19 years of age. Claims submitted with incorrect data for vaccine cost and/or administration of the COVID-19 vaccine are subject to audit and recovery.**

In addition to the procedure code for administration, providers will submit the procedure code for the COVID-19 vaccine from the table below, with acquisition cost as appropriate.

Table 1

Procedure Code	Manufacturer & COVID-19 Vaccine Procedure Code Descriptions
91304	SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine, subunit, recombinant spike protein-nanoparticle+Matrix-M1 Adjuvant, preservative-free, five mcg/0.5 mL dose
91318	SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine, mRNA, spike protein, LNP, preservative-free, tris-sucrose, three mcg/0.3 mL dose
91319	SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine, mRNA, spike protein, LNP, preservative-free, tris-sucrose, ten mcg/0.3 mL dose
91320	SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine, mRNA, spike protein, LNP, preservative-free, tris-sucrose, 30 mcg/0.3 mL dose
91321	SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine, mRNA, spike protein, LNP, preservative-free, 25 mcg/0.25 mL dose
91322	SARS-COV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine, mRNA, spike protein, LNP, preservative-free, 50 mcg/0.5 mL dose

NYRx Billing Instructions for Pharmacies *Not* Enrolled in the VFC Program

The pharmacy must submit the claim for the vaccine and administration via the NCPDP D.0 claim format. In the Claim Segment field 436-E1 (Product/Service ID Qualifier), the applicable value for vaccine or administration will qualify the code submitted in field 407-D7 (Product/Service ID) as a procedure code. The applicable procedure code for administration or the vaccine will be submitted in field 407-D7 (Product/Service ID). Pharmacies will bill with a quantity of "1" and a day supply of "1" for each dose, regardless of volume.

Table 2

NCPDP D.0 Claim Segment Field	Value
436-E1 (Product/Service ID Qualifier)	Enter the applicable value, which qualifies the code submitted in field 407-D7 (Product/Service ID) as a procedure code.
407-D7 (Product/Service ID)	Enter the administration code and/or applicable vaccine procedure code listed in **Table 1** above.
442-E7 (Quantity Dispensed)	Enter the value of "1"
405-D5 (Day Supply)	Enter the value of "1"
444-E9 (Pharmacist ID)	Enter the pharmacist's NPI number
411-DB (Prescriber ID)	Enter the dispensing pharmacy's NPI number*

*If the vaccine is ordered by a prescriber and not the pharmacist, please enter the prescriber's NPI number.

Please see the NYS Medicaid Pharmacy Manual Policy Guidelines for further guidance on origin code and serial number values that must be submitted on the claim for "pharmacy dispensing" when applicable for non-patient-specific orders. Enter a value of "5" in field 419-DJ (Prescription Origin Code) and a value of "99999999" in field 454- EK (Scheduled Prescription ID Number). NCPDP D.0 Companion Guide can be found here.

Additional Guidance for Providers Not Enrolled in the VFC Program

Please be advised that reimbursement for the cost of COVID-19 vaccines for Medicaid members younger than 19 years of age is subject to change. The Department is encouraging Medicaid providers to enroll in the VFC program for continued provision of VFC-eligible vaccines to members younger than 19 years of age. Additional information for enrollment, based on location, can be found at the following links:

- New York City
- Outside New York City

Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) COVID-19 Vaccine Billing

NYRx should be billed for any COVID-19 vaccine administered by a pharmacy provider. For non-pharmacy providers, MMC reimbursement, billing, and/or documentation requirement questions should be directed to the specific MMC Plan of the enrollee. MMC Plan information can be found by visiting the following website.

Additional Information

- CDC information on COVID-19.
- Medicaid FFS claim questions should be directed to the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000.
- NYRx Pharmacy Policy questions should be directed to (518) 486-3209 or NYRx@health.ny.gov.
- Medicaid FFS coverage and policy questions should be directed to the Office of Health Insurance Programs, Division of Program Development and Management, at (518) 473-2160 or FFSMedicaidPolicy@health.ny.gov.
- Managed care questions should be directed to the specific Managed Care Plan of the enrollee. Plan contact information can be found in the eMedNY *New York State Medicaid Program Information for All Providers - Managed Care Information* document.