

## State communication

A message from the Georgia Department of Community Health

## **COVID Provider Message distributed on 6/30/22**

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Dear Georgia Medicaid Providers,

Effective June 17, 2022, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine has been authorized for emergency use by the FDA for children who are at least 6 months old. The authorization includes a three-dose series Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine for children 6 months to 4 years of age and a two-dose series Moderna Covid-19 vaccine for children 6 months to 5 years of age.

System updates are currently in the process of being made. However, claims submitted with an effective date of June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 will be eligible for payment. The current reimbursement rate for the administration of the vaccine is \$40 per dose. The appropriate codes, descriptions, and reimbursement rates are listed in the chart below.

Vaccine Name	Vaccine Description	Administration Code	Administration Description	DCH FFS Reimbursement			
Pfizer: For pediatric patients aged 6-months through 4-years							
Pfizer- BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	91308 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 3 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use	0081A (1 <sup>st</sup> dose) 0082A (2 <sup>nd</sup> dose) 0083A (3 <sup>rd</sup> dose)	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID- 19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 3 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation; first dose	1 <sup>st</sup> dose: \$40 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose: \$40 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose: \$40			

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	91311 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative- free, 25 mcg/0.25 mL dosage, for intramuscular use	0111A (1 <sup>st</sup> dose) 0112A (2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-Co-V-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID- 19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 25 mcg/0.25 mL dosage	1 <sup>st</sup> dose: \$40 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose: \$40
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The vaccine is to be administered to Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries free of charge. Therefore, Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries may not be charged or billed for receipt of the vaccine. Further, Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries are not required to pay any copayments related to receipt of the vaccine.

Providers must administer the vaccine in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and ACIP requirements and must meet storage and record keeping requirements. We recommend providers and pharmacies utilize their internal systems to ensure Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries receive notice and reminders regarding vaccinations.

Providers are strongly encouraged to review the Georgia COVID-19 Vaccination Plan as recently outlined by the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH). The Georgia COVID-19 Vaccination Plan may be accessed on the Georgia Department of Public Health's website at <a href="https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine">https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine</a>.

In addition, effective December 17, 2020, DCH began reimbursing pharmacy providers through the Pharmacy Point of Sale System for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines for GA Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) members. For more information, please visit the Georgia Medicaid web portal at <u>www.mmis.georgia.gov</u>. Once there, click on pharmacy/pharmacy notices.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Georgia Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® programs.

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If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your assigned Provider Experience associate or call Provider Services at [800-454-3730].