

COVID-19 vaccine administration billing guidelines for pharmacy providers

Important facts regarding COVID vaccines and administration fees: COVID vaccines and administration fees are not covered under the pharmacy benefit.

- Do not submit claims to IngenioRx*/CVS.* Pharmacy Point of Sale (POS) submissions will **not** be accepted or reimbursed. The RX BIN/PCN cannot be used for professional claims billing. Pharmacy claims will deny.
- Claims must be submitted electronically as a professional claim via the *CMS-1500* in 837P format.
- Pharmacy providers may submit the electronic claim via an electronic data interchange (EDI) clearinghouse.
- Roster billing is not permitted.
- Paper claims are **not** accepted by Amerigroup Iowa, Inc.
- Only one member per claim.
- Must bill for the vaccine and administration fee on the same claim.
- The vaccine administration code and National Drug Code (NDC) of the vaccine must also appear on the claim. No reimbursement will be paid for the vaccine while the vaccine is being provided by the federal government.
- COVID-19 vaccines administered by a pharmacy require the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the ordering provider, rendering provider and billing provider.
 - The ordering provider NPI = Standing Order Medical Director NPI or that of the physician on the physician-pharmacy vaccine protocol.
 - The rendering provider NPI = NPI of the pharmacy
 - The billing provider NPI = NPI of the pharmacy
- Backdated billing will be permitted for the administration of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination back to dates of service December 14, 2020, and for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine administration back to dates of service December 18, 2020, within timely filing guidelines

Non-participating/contracted pharmacy providers

Standard network requirements for eligible pharmacy providers who are administering the COVID-19 vaccinations are suspended for Iowa Medicaid enrolled providers. This means qualified Iowa Medicaid enrolled providers will be paid 100% of Iowa Medicaid rates for the COVID-19 vaccine administrations. **If you are in the IngenioRx/CVS Amerigroup network, then you have been automatically enrolled in the network which enables you to submit professional claims.**

Prior authorization (PA)

PA is not required for out of network providers.

COVID-19 vaccine Medicaid billing and rates

At this time, there is no charge for the vaccine as it is being acquired and distributed by the federal government. Only the COVID-19 vaccine administration fees will be reimbursed. **The COVID-19 vaccine**

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administration fee reimbursement is based on the Medicare rate of \$16.94 for the initial dose and \$28.39 for the second dose. Both COVID-19 vaccines currently approved consist of a two-dose series. **For any single dose COVID-19 vaccines released in 2021, the reimbursement will be based on the Medicare rate of \$28.39 to administer the vaccine.** Roster billing will not be available for providers.

Reimbursement

COVID-19 vaccines are provided at no charge from the federal government at this time. Therefore, when billing for the vaccine itself a cost for the vaccine greater than \$0 should not be billed on the *CMS-1500* claim form. Amerigroup will only reimburse the administration of the vaccine. The vaccine and the administration fee procedure codes must be billed together on separate lines on the same claim for the same member and date of service. To bill the vaccine, the procedure code and the National Drug Code (NDC) for the vaccine in the 11-digit format without dashes must be submitted together. See below for billing example.

Pfizer vaccine billing

| Pfizer vaccine billing | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Dosing | Procedure code | Vaccine/procedure name | CPT® short descriptor | NDC 11 |
| 1st dose | 91300 | Pfizer Biotech Covid-19 Vaccine | SARSCOV2VAC 30MCG/0.3ML IM | 59267-1000-01 |
| | 0001A | Pfizer Biotech Covid-19 Vaccine Administration - first dose | ADM SARSCOV2VAC 30MCG/0.3ML 1ST | n/a |
| 2nd dose | 91300 | Pfizer Biotech Covid-19 Vaccine | SARSCOV2VAC 30MCG/0.3ML IM | 59267-1000-01 |
| | 0002A | Pfizer Biotech Covid-19 Vaccine Administration - second dose | ADM SARSCOV2VAC 30MCG/0.3ML 2ND | n/a |

| Moderna vaccine billing | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Dosing | Procedure code | Vaccine/procedure name | CPT® short descriptor | NDC 11 |
| 1st dose | 91301 | Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine | SARSCOV2VAC 30MCG/0.3ML IM | 80777-0273-10 |
| | 0011A | Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Administration - first dose | ADM SARSCOV2VAC | n/a |
| 2nd dose | 91301 | Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine | SARSCOV2VAC 30MCG/0.3ML IM | 80777-0273-10 |
| | 0012A | Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Administration - second dose | ADM SARSCOV2VAC 30MCG/0.3ML 2ND | n/a |

CMS-1500 billing example of 1st dose of Moderna vaccine and administration fee

| 24. A. | DATE(S) OF SERVICE | | | | | | B. Place of Service | C. ENG | D. PROCEDURES, SERVICES, OR SUPPLIES (Explain Unusual Circumstances) CPT/HCPCS Modifier | E. DIAGNOSIS POINTER | F. CHARGES | G. DAYS OR UNITS |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|----|---------------------------|-----------|--|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| | From MM DD YY | To MM DD YY | | | | | | | | | | |
| NDC:80777027399, 1, UN | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 01/04/2021 | 01/04/2021 | | | | 11 | | 91301 | | 1 | 0.00 | U1 |
| | 01/04/2021 | 01/04/2021 | | | | 11 | | 0011A | | 1 | 16.94 | U1 |

Additional resources

Amerigroup Iowa, Inc. Provider Billing and Reference Guide:

https://providers.amerigroup.com/ProviderDocuments/IAIA_ClaimsandBillingRefManual.pdf

See page 13 for the CMS-1500 form field definitions.

Claims Submission Requirements for Professional Claims:

https://providers.amerigroup.com/Reimbursement%20Policy%20Documents/IAIA_RP_ClaimsSubProf.pdf

Informational Letter Covid-19 Vaccines and Monoclonal Antibodies

<https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/IMPA/Information/ViewDocument.aspx?viewdocument=e7b88bd0-dc41-4514-9020-52ec0bbd0363>

IME COVID-19 Related FAQ

<https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/faqs/covid19/vaccine>

New provider resources

Provider orientation

https://providers.amerigroup.com/ProviderDocuments/IAIA_ProviderOrientationPresentation.pdf

EDI Overview

https://providers.amerigroup.com/Documents/ALL_EDIOverview.pdf

Availity* Portal

https://providers.amerigroup.com/ProviderDocuments/IAIA_AGPSummaryPage.pdf

Electronic funds transfer (EFT) registration

<https://providers.amerigroup.com/Pages/edi-new.aspx>

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, contact Provider Services at **1-800-454-3730**.

Need help with EDI? Call our EDI Hotline at **1-800-590-5745** and speak to an EDI Helpdesk Technician.