



## Prescribing provider billing guidelines: Pharmacists may prescribe/order vaccines

### Important facts regarding prescribing pharmacist claims: all covered vaccines:

- Effective June 1, 2021, pharmacists enrolled with Iowa Medicaid may prescribe/order and receive reimbursement for administering vaccines to Iowa Medicaid members.
- Pharmacists must be contracted with Amerigroup Iowa, Inc. to be in network.
- The claim must be submitted by a pharmacy enrolled with Amerigroup. Claims submitted by non-enrolled pharmacies will be subject to claims rejections.
- Vaccine 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.
- Effective September 1, 2019, paper claims are *not* accepted by Amerigroup.
- Include only one member per claim.
- Provider 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.
- Vaccines administered by a pharmacy require the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the ordering provider, rendering provider, and billing provider:
  - The ordering provider NPI = Pharmacist NPI, Standing Order Medical Director NPI, or that of the physician on the physician-pharmacy vaccine protocol
  - The rendering provider NPI = NPI of the pharmacist that has been credentialed
  - The billing provider NPI = NPI of the pharmacy
- Effective July 1, 2021, influenza, pneumonia, and shingles vaccines will no longer be 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 for vaccines will deny.

### Nonparticipating/contracted pharmacy providers

Standard network requirements for eligible pharmacy providers who are administering vaccinations (except COVID-19) apply for Iowa Medicaid enrolled providers. This means qualified Iowa Medicaid enrolled providers will be paid 100% of Iowa Medicaid rates for vaccines and vaccine administration.

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## **Prior authorization (PA)**

PA is required for out-of-network providers.

## **Additional resources**

*Amerigroup Iowa, Inc. Provider Billing and Reference Guide*

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

*Claims Submission Requirements for Professional Claims*

*Information Letter No. 2232-MC-FFS*

## **New provider resources**

**Provider orientation**

**EDI Connection Services Startup Guide**

**Availity\* Portal**

**Electronic funds transfer (EFT) registration**

## **What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **800-454-3730**.

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