

COVID-19 vaccine counseling

As of December 2, 2021, stand-alone COVID-19 vaccine counseling (when a COVID-19 vaccine is counseled and not administered) is a covered Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit for children under the age of 21 years old in Medicaid and Nevada Check Up. Allowable codes include:

- **99401 with CR modifier** – Preventive medicine counseling, approximately 15 minutes, effective December 2, 2021, to implementation of G3014 and G3015.
- **G3014** – Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional for COVID-19, ages under 21, 16 to 30 mins time. (This code is used for the Medicaid EPSDT benefit.) Effective June 8, 2022.
- **G3015** – Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional for COVID-19, ages under 21, 5 to 15 mins time effective June 8, 2022. (This code is used for the Medicaid EPSDT benefit.)

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) has identified the CR modifier for usage with Current Procedural Terminology® (CPT) code 99401 (Preventative medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual, up to 15 minutes) when a COVID-19 vaccine is counseled but not administered. This service will be reimbursed separately.

Effective with claims submitted on or after October 3, 2022, the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) has been updated to bypass the annual limitation for claims for CPT code 99401 with dates of service on or after December 2, 2021. To bypass the annual limitation, these claims must be submitted with the CR modifier.

When billing COVID-19 vaccine counseling (CR modifier) on the same day as other vaccine counseling, be sure to bill both the CR modifier and modifier 59.



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