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## COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Coverage and Billing

On December 11, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for individuals aged 16 years and older for emergency use authorization (EUA). On December 18, 2020, the FDA also approved the Moderna vaccine for EUA for individuals aged 18 years and older.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be provided at no-cost to providers by the federal government. Providers may not bill Nevada Medicaid for the vaccine itself but may bill for the vaccine administration fee only. Providers may not charge Nevada Medicaid recipients for the vaccine or the vaccine administration fee as this is a covered service.

Nevada Medicaid is in the process of implementing the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, and reimbursement rates for billing purposes. Claims will suspend for payment and will be automatically reprocessed once rates have been approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The COVID-19 vaccine will not be distributed through the Vaccines for Children Program and instead will only be distributed through the current federal distribution process.

### Nevada Medicaid Reimbursement Rates

The Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) is working to make equitable adjustments to the COVID-19 vaccine administration fee to be on par with recommendations from CMS.

Nevada Medicaid will only reimburse providers for the vaccine administration fee for the ages that have been licensed by the FDA. Claims submitted on recipients below these licensed ages will be denied.

### Billing Codes

Do not use vaccine administration CPT codes 90460, 90461, 90471, 90472, 90473 or 90474 for the administration of any COVID-19 vaccine. Use the codes outlined in the table below as they were developed specifically for COVID-19. If providers have administered a COVID-19 vaccine to a Nevada Medicaid recipient, please submit the claim to prevent denials for timeliness.

Providers vaccinating dual-eligible recipients who have both Medicare and Medicaid must bill Medicare Fee-for-Services (FFS) as the primary payer.

All encounter-based providers must bill using their encounter code and the COVID-19 vaccine administration codes. The claim will pay according to the established encounter rate and the vaccine administration code will pay at \$0 as the service is included in the encounter reimbursement. This will allow the DHCFP to track the COVID-19 vaccines administered for federal reporting purposes.

Medical providers (listed below in the Provider Types section) must bill each vaccine administered with the following:

- Vaccine CPT code with National Drug Code (NDC) billed at \$.01,
- Vaccine administration CPT code and bill with usual and customary charge.

Vaccine CPT Code(s)		Vaccine Administration CPT Code(s)	Vaccine Name	Dosing Intervals	Effective Date
91300	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, for intramuscular use.  Report 91300 with administration codes 0001A or 0002A.	0001A (1 <sup>st</sup> dose)  0002A (2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	21 days	12/11/2020
91301	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use.  Report 91301 with administration codes 0011A, or 0012A.	0011A (1 <sup>st</sup> dose)  0012A (2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	28 days	12/18/2020

### **Pharmacy Claims**

Nevada Medicaid’s Pharmacy Benefit Manger (PBM), OptumRx, has released guidance on proper billing for the COVID-19 vaccine, including the vaccine administration fee through the pharmacy Point-of-Sale (POS) system. Please see Pharmacy Announcements at: <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/rx/rxinfo.aspx>.

### **Provider Types**

All Nevada Medicaid policies apply on which providers can vaccinate and be reimbursed for the COVID-19 vaccine administration fee. The following provider types (PTs) will be able to bill Nevada Medicaid for the COVID-19 vaccine administration fee.

- PT 12 – Hospital, Outpatient
- PT 17 Specialty 166 – Family Planning
- PT 17 Specialty 174 – Public Health Clinic
- PT 17 Specialty 179 – School-Based Health Centers
- PT 17 Specialty 195 – Community Health Clinic, State Health Division
- PT 17 Specialty 198 – HIV Clinic
- PT 20 – Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O.
- PT 24 – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
- PT 28 – Pharmacy
- PT 32 Specialty 249 – Community Paramedicine
- PT 60 – School Health Services
- PT 74 – Nurse Midwife
- PT 77 – Physician’s Assistant

All clinics/facilities that are reimbursed with an encounter-based rate or per diem rate will not be reimbursed for the COVID-19 vaccine administration outside of their current rate.

### **Billing Guides**

All Nevada Medicaid Fee-for-Service billing guides, including the two related to COVID-19, can be found on the Providers Billing Information webpage at: <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/BillingInfo.aspx>. The COVID-19 billing guides will be updated with the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration CPT codes shortly.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution to Providers**

All providers that would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to vaccinate Medicaid recipients, must enroll with the Nevada State Immunization Program. All COVID-19 vaccines will be ordered and distributed through the Nevada State Immunization Program. To enroll in the COVID-19 vaccine program, please send an email stating your interest to [DPBHCOVID19VAX@health.nv.gov](mailto:DPBHCOVID19VAX@health.nv.gov). COVID-19 vaccines must be stored in stand-alone refrigerators and stand-alone freezers with digital temperature monitoring. Digital data loggers must be certified calibrated and able to generate a report with daily maximum/minimum temperatures and alarm settings.

For more information on requirements of the Nevada State Immunization Program regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, go to [http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/COVID/COVID\\_Vaccine/](http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Immunization/COVID/COVID_Vaccine/).

### **Nevada WebIZ**

Per Nevada Revised Statute 439.265 and Nevada Administrative Code 439.870 - 897, all vaccines administered in Nevada must be recorded in Nevada WebIZ, unless the patient chooses to opt-out of inclusion in the system.

Many COVID-19 vaccines require a two (2) dose series. Vaccinating providers should document patient contact information, including mobile phone number and/or email address to facilitate 2<sup>nd</sup> dose reminders.

COVID-19 vaccinations should be documented in Nevada WebIZ within 24 hours, but not later than 72 hours, of administration.

Please contact the Nevada WebIZ Help Desk at [izit@health.nv.gov](mailto:izit@health.nv.gov) or (775) 684-5954 for assistance and information on how to begin using Nevada WebIZ.