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COVID-19 VACCINE

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COVID-19

The MO HealthNet Division is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus. The virus has been named “severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2” (“SARS-CoV-2”) and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (“COVID-19”).

COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURE CODES

Effective for dates of service on or after January 3, 2022, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reissued the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer pediatric vaccine to allow a third primary series dose for children 5 through 11 years of age who have undergone solid organ transplantation, or similar level of immunocompromise.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 3, 2022, the FDA EUA also authorizes the Pfizer-COVID-19 vaccine for use in individuals 12 years of age and older supplied in a pre-diluted formulation primary series dose and booster.

The administration of the COVID-19 vaccines must be billed using the administration code specific to the vaccine given. Do not bill vaccine administration procedure codes 90460-90461 or 90471-90474 for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Previous guidance about the COVID-19 Vaccine can be accessed via the provider bulletins found at the following web links:

<https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pdf/bulletin44-34.pdf>
<https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pdf/bulletin43-24.pdf>
<https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pdf/bulletin43-13.pdf>
<https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pdf/bulletin44-18.pdf>

If a significant separately identifiable Evaluation and Management (E/M) service is performed, the appropriate E/M service code should be reported in addition to the vaccine administration code. The vaccine ingredient cost *cannot* be billed to MO HealthNet.

Providers must not charge a copay for the COVID-19 vaccine administration codes.

Covered procedure codes are listed in the table below.

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description	Reimbursement Rate
0051A	Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine Pre-Diluted (Gray Cap) Administration - First dose	\$40.00
0052A	Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine Pre-Diluted (Gray Cap) Administration - Second dose	\$40.00
0053A	Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine Pre-Diluted (Gray Cap) Administration - Third dose	\$40.00
0054A	Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine Pre-Diluted (Gray Cap) Administration - Booster	\$40.00
0073A	Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Pediatric Vaccine (Orange Cap) - Administration - Third dose	\$40.00

OUTPATIENT BILLING FOR COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

Hospitals may bill for the COVID-19 vaccine administration when performed as an outpatient service using the appropriate procedure codes listed above.

PHARMACY COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

Pharmacy providers may bill for the COVID-19 vaccine through the point-of-sale pharmacy system using the National Drug Code (NDC) that appears on the product administered.

Each pharmacy claim for a COVID-19 vaccine will receive a COVID-19 vaccine administration fee of \$40.00 for single-dose and multi-dose vaccines. Providers must not charge a copay for the COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccination pharmacy claims, ordered by pharmacists, should be submitted using the pharmacist's name and National Provider Identifier (NPI), as prescriber. Pharmacies are also able to utilize the statewide standing order for COVID Vaccines.

Pharmacists listed as the prescriber for COVID-19 vaccines must be enrolled MO HealthNet providers for the pharmacy to receive reimbursement.

Pharmacy providers administering COVID-19 vaccinations should recommend members receiving vaccines that require two doses to do the following:

- Use the same pharmacy for both vaccinations.
- Receive the second dose on the date specified by the manufacturer's product labeling.

Participants receiving a third dose or booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can receive the vaccine in any location.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID CLAIMS

COVID-19 vaccination claims for MHD participants who are dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid must be billed to the member's Medicare plan provider.

MANAGED CARE ENROLLEES

Under the current Managed Care program, the administration of a vaccine is billed to the provider's contracted Managed Care Organization (MCO). For the purpose of the COVID-19 vaccine only, the administration portion of the vaccine must be billed to the MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service program, and not to the MCO that the provider is contracted with.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE UNINSURED

The COVID-19 Claims Reimbursement to Health Care Providers and Facilities for Testing and Treatment of the Uninsured Program (COVID-19 Claims Reimbursement program) administered by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) is available for reimbursement of a COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration costs for individuals who would not receive MO HealthNet coverage for the COVID-19 vaccine administration, see <https://www.hrsa.gov/CovidUninsuredClaim>.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine, the statewide standing order, and Missouri's plan, please go to <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/>

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.missouri.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896