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PEDIATRIC VACCINE COUNSELING

APPLIES TO: Providers who administer pediatric vaccines.

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PEDIATRIC VACCINE COUNSELING

Effective for dates of service on or after December 2, 2021, providers may bill for stand-alone vaccine counseling visits in which providers talk to families about the importance of vaccines for children under age 21 as part of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, even when the child does not receive a vaccine.

Parents or guardians of MO HealthNet children can be counseled, without the children present, on the benefit of receiving the vaccine even if the parent or guardian is not enrolled in MO HealthNet. The vaccine counseling session for the parent or guardian can be billed using the child’s MO HealthNet ID.

There is no requirement for a specific diagnosis code.

All enrolled providers approved to administer pediatric vaccines can provide this service.

Vaccine counseling can be provided in person or via telehealth. Please see Section 13.69.C of the Physician’s Manual found on the MO HealthNet website at:

http://manuals.momed.com/collections/collection_phy/print.pdf for instructions on billing for telehealth services.

Covered procedure codes are listed in the table below.

Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description	Reimbursement Rate
G0312	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional when the vaccine(s) is not	\$25.38

	administered on the same date of service for ages under 21, 5 to 15 mins time.	
G0313	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional when the vaccine(s) is not administered on the same date of service for ages under 21, 16-30 mins time.	\$50.75
G0314	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional for COVID-19, ages under 21, 16-30 mins time.	\$50.75
G0315	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional for COVID-19, ages under 21, 5-15 mins time.	\$25.38

APPLICABILITY

The information in this bulletin applies to the MO HealthNet (MHD) fee-for-service program and may apply to the MHD managed care program, as well. MHD’s fee-for-service policies set the basic coverage policies for benefits and limitations in the managed care program. The managed care health plans have additional flexibilities in operating their respective programs, such as determining which services require prior authorization, and details required for claims submission. Certain services, such as pharmacy, are “carved out” of managed care and will be paid through the fee-for-service program. To ensure your understanding of this bulletin’s applicability to each managed care health plan, please contact your health plan directly, or contact MHD.MCCommunications@dss.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**