

Billing Guidance for Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccine Under Healthfirst's Plans

Healthfirst is closely monitoring COVID-19 vaccine updates from the state and federal government and from other healthcare agencies. This guidance provides billing information on the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The federal government will cover the cost of FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines. Providers that administer a COVID-19 vaccine will be reimbursed for vaccine administration costs in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and guidance, including Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), CARES ACT, and Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) guidance outlined below.

Medicare Plans

For calendar year 2021, Original Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) will be responsible for covering COVID-19 vaccine administration for Medicare Advantage plan members.

Therefore, healthcare professionals must submit claims for COVID-19 vaccine costs to the appropriate Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC), using product-specific codes for each approved vaccine.

Any claims billed to Healthfirst for COVID-19 vaccine charges for a Medicare Advantage member will be denied, and the provider will be informed that the claim must be resubmitted to the FFS MAC servicing New York. For more information, please see the [CMS Provider Tool Kit](#).

Medicaid Managed Care, Personal Wellness Plan, Child Health Plus, Essential Plan, and Commercial Health Insurance Plans

Healthfirst covers the cost of *administering* COVID-19 vaccines. However, the federal government covers the cost of the vaccine. While not reimbursable, vaccination codes are required to be billed even though the service will be denied.

Healthcare professionals should use published AMA CPT codes when submitting COVID-19 vaccine administration and vaccine claims to Healthfirst.

Provider Alert

Participating Healthfirst providers will be reimbursed for the administration of the vaccine at their contractual rates. Non-participating providers will be reimbursed at 100% of the published Medicare rate (RBRVS Region 02).

For more information regarding how to register your practice with New York State Immunization Information System, [click here](#).

Currently Approved AMA CPT Codes*

Manufacturer	Vaccine Dose CPT	National Drug Code	1st Administration CPT	2nd Administration CPT
Pfizer	91300	59267-1000-01 or 59267-1000-02 or 59267-1000-03	0001A	0002A
Moderna	91301	80777-0273-99 or 80777-0273-10	0011A	0012A
Janssen	91303	59676-580-05 or 59676-0580-05	0031A	Not Applicable

*More codes will be added as they become available.

Information about vaccines receiving EUA by the FDA can be found [here](#).

Helpful Resources

- [New York State Medicaid Coverage Policy and Billing Guidance for the Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines Authorized for Emergency Use](#)
- [CMS Provider Toolkit](#)

If you have any questions, contact your Network Account Manager, or call Provider Services at **1-888-801-1660**, Monday to Friday, 8:30am–5:30pm.

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