Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert
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Florida Medicaid Coverage of the COVID-19 Vaccine: UPDATED Vaccine Administration Rates

The Agency for Health Care Administration remains committed to ensuring Medicaid recipients receive medically necessary care to prevent and treat the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The purpose of this alert is to provide information on updated vaccination administration rates and covered populations. Florida Medicaid will continue to align with the Medicare vaccine administration rates. These rates were updated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services effective March 15, 2021. COVID-19 vaccines administered with a date of service on or after March 15, 2021, must be paid at the new rates. All guidance is applicable to both the fee-for-service and Statewide Medicaid Managed Care delivery systems unless otherwise stated.

Eligible Recipients and Exclusions (updated effective for dates of services starting 3/11/21)

Florida Medicaid covers the COVID-19 vaccine administration by age, as specified in the Food and Drug Administration Emergency Use Authorization approval for each vaccine product.

Covered: All Medicaid recipients who have full or limited Medicaid benefits are eligible for Medicaid to cover the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes individuals:

- With Medically Needy/ Share of Cost Medicaid who have incurred their share of cost for the month and whose Medicaid is activated.
- Eligible for emergency Medicaid services (beginning March 11, 2021).

Not Covered: If the recipient has any other primary insurance, the primary insurance must be billed since Medicaid is the payor of last resort.
• Medicare; or
• Commercial insurance.

**No Prior Authorization**

There is no prior authorization for the vaccine administration or product.

**No Co-Payments**

There are no co-payments for COVID-19 vaccine administration and products, including no copayments for a physician office visit at which the vaccine is administered.

**Eligible Providers**

Florida Medicaid will reimburse the following providers for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine, for any place of service:

• Physicians and physician extenders, including those functioning in a County Health Department, Federally Qualified Health Center, or Rural Health Clinic.
• Pharmacies for COVID-19 vaccine administration rendered by pharmacists.

**Provider Requirements**

The [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/interim-guidelines-playbook.html) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires providers who are administering COVID-19 vaccinations to enroll in the federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program:

> To receive/administer COVID-19 vaccine, constituent products, and ancillary supplies, vaccination provider facilities/organizations must enroll in the federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program coordinated through their jurisdiction’s immunization program. Enrolled COVID-19 vaccination providers must be credentialed/licensed in the jurisdiction where vaccination takes place, and sign and agree to the conditions in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement.

**Fee-for-Service Billing & Reimbursement (Effective for Dates of Service starting 3/15/21)**

The following reimbursement information is specific to recipients in the fee-for-service delivery system:

Florida Medicaid providers administering COVID-19 vaccines to Florida Medicaid recipients are required to submit claims with the specific vaccine product Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), its corresponding National Drug Code (NDC) and the specific vaccine product administration CPT code in order to receive reimbursement for administration.

The manufacturer specific products, NDC, and their dose-specific administration code(s) must be submitted for each COVID-19 vaccine dose administered on the claim form.

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Florida Medicaid will not reimburse for the vaccine product, it is available at no cost through Operation Warp Speed.

Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics and County Health Departments will be reimbursed outside of the encounter rate and receive the applicable Physician and Physician Extender rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration.

Pharmacy claims submitted for COVID-19 vaccine administration reimbursement must identify the administering pharmacist by Florida pharmacist license number (i.e., PSXXXXX), submitted as the prescriber ID in the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs Online database (NCPDP) field 411-DB.

Pharmacist administered COVID-19 vaccines receive Physician Extender rates and require the following submission clarification codes (SCC) be entered in NCPDP field 420-DK:

- SCC = 2 (indicates administration of the initial dose)
- SCC = 6 (indicates final/single dose administration)

**Health Plan Billing & Reimbursement, and Open Network Requirement**

Florida Medicaid health plans cover COVID-19 vaccine administration costs for their members. COVID-19 reimbursement rates are the same for health plans and the fee-for-service delivery system.

Providers should contact the health plan directly for billing questions and instructions.

**Additional Information**

If you have fee-for-service coverage questions, please contact the Florida Medicaid Helpline at 1-877-254-1055.

If you have health plan coverage questions, please contact the health plan directly.
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