



To: IEHP Providers and IPAs
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
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Subject: **Medical and Outpatient Claims for COVID-19 Vaccines Now Being Adjudicated by DHCS**

Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) would like to remind our Providers that DHCS and CMS are now adjudicating Medical and Outpatient Claims for COVID-19 vaccines administered to Medi-Cal and Medicare patients.

The information below for billing of COVID-19 Vaccine administration to Medi-Cal Members is taken from the following section of the [medi-cal.ca.gov](https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/COVID19_response.aspx#1) site: https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/COVID19_response.aspx#1

Advisement on billing COVID-19 Vaccine administration for CMC DualChoice Medicare Members can be found on CMS.gov: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/medicare-billing-covid-19-vaccine-shot-administration>.

IEHP strongly encourages Providers to regularly check these sites to stay up to date on any changes to billing guidance.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has provided Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for two vaccine manufacturers: Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna. As other vaccine manufacturers are approved by the FDA, additional billing instructions will be issued by DHCS and CMS. Providers should bill medical and outpatient claims as specified below for each respective vaccine and dose:

Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (NDC 59267100001)

- Effective for dates of service on or after **December 11, 2020**
- May only be administered to patients **16 years of age and older**

Dose 1	Dose 2
Bill using Administration Code 0001A	Administer no earlier than 17 days after the first dose
When billed appropriately, Providers will be reimbursed \$16.94 for a 0.3 mL first dose	Bill using Administration Code 0002A
	When billed appropriately, Providers will be reimbursed \$28.39 for a 0.3 mL second dose

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (NDC 80777027310)

- Effective for dates of service on or after **December 18, 2020**
- May only be administered to patients **18 years of age and older**

Dose 1	Dose 2
Bill using Administration Code 0011A	Administer no earlier than 24 days after the first dose
When billed appropriately, Providers will be reimbursed \$16.94 for a 0.5 mL first dose	Bill using Administration Code 0012A
	When billed appropriately, Providers will be reimbursed \$28.39 for a 0.5 mL second dose

Providers must keep the manufacturer consistent between doses; if the first dose administered to a patient is the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, then the second dose administered to the same patient must also be the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Note: Providers may use the following CPT codes listed below when billing for Medicare, CMS will update the payment allowance at a later date. **Providers should NOT USE these codes when billing for Medi-Cal, as they are not reimbursed by DHCS at this time:**

- 91300 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 [SARS-CoV-2] [Coronavirus diseases (COVID-19)] vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, for intramuscular use)
- 91301 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 [SARS-CoV-2] [Coronavirus diseases (COVID-19)] vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5 mL dosage, for intramuscular use)

Please visit this website for Medi-Cal billing examples:

https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_30717_18.aspx

As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found on our Provider portal at:

www.iehp.org > For Providers > Plan Updates > Correspondence **or**

www.iehp.org > For Providers > Plan Updates > Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IEHP Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054.