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## **IHCP receives COVID-19 vaccine HCPCS update from CMS and AMA**

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) has received Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) updates from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the American Medical Association (AMA). These codes pertain to vaccine and vaccine administration for the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).



Effective immediately, the IHCP will reimburse IHCP-enrolled providers for COVID-19 vaccinations. This includes Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers allowed to bill the vaccine administration codes as announced in *IHCP Bulletin [BT2020118](#)*. Vaccinations can be administered to all eligible IHCP members meeting vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) criteria and any additional requirements or limitations specified by the Indiana Department of Health or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). See the [Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Guidance regarding Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness \(PREP\) Act Coverage](#).

COVID-19 vaccination reimbursement will be carved out of managed care benefits. Claims for managed care members should be submitted to the fee-for-service (FFS) claim-processing vendor, Gainwell Technologies. COVID-19 vaccines are to be supplied free of charge, without copay, to all IHCP members, including members in limited benefit categories, such as Emergency Services Only (ESO), Family Planning Eligibility Program, and all Presumptive Eligibility (PE) benefit programs. See [Table 4](#) for more information. COVID-19 vaccination claims for IHCP members who are dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid must be billed to the member's Medicare plan provider.

The following code tables (accessible from the [Code Sets](#) page at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](http://in.gov/medicaid/providers)) will be updated with changes announced in this bulletin:

- *Transportation Services Codes*
- *Family Planning Eligibility Program Codes*
- *Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women Codes*
- *Preventive Care Services Excluded from Copayment for HIP and PE Adult*
- *Revenue Codes with Special Procedure Code Linkages*

[Table 1](#) summarizes the COVID-19 vaccines, the associated administration codes, manufacturer, and dosing interval. This table is adapted from the [American Medical Association](#).

Table 1 – Vaccine summary, adapted from the AMA

Vaccine code	Code description	Vaccine administration code(s)	Vaccine manufacturer	Vaccine name	Dosing interval
91300	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, for intramuscular use	0001A (1st dose) 0002A (2nd dose)	Pfizer	Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	21 days
91301	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use	0011A (1st dose) 0012A (2nd dose)	Moderna	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	28 days

**Please note that the Moderna vaccine is not yet Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved. An update will be issued upon approval from the FDA.**

Table 2 provides the new procedure code, along with code descriptions, program coverage, prior authorization (PA) requirements, any special billing instructions, and reimbursement notes. For reimbursement consideration, the code may be billed for dates of service (DOS) on or after the effective date noted in the table. No National Drug Code (NDC) is required.

Table 2 – New HCPCS codes, effective for DOS on or after December 11, 2020, unless otherwise noted

HCPCS code	Description	Effective date	Program coverage	PA required	Special billing information	Reimbursement notes
0001A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; first dose	12/11/2020	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs	No	Allowed for Ambulance (provider specialty 260) See <a href="#">Table 4</a>	Max Fee: \$16.94

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HCPCS code	Description	Effective date	Program coverage	PA required	Special billing information	Reimbursement notes
0002A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; second dose	12/11/2020	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs	No	Allowed for Ambulance (provider specialty 260) See <a href="#">Table 4</a>	Max Fee: \$28.39
0011A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage; first dose	TBD	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs	No	Allowed for Ambulance (provider specialty 260) See <a href="#">Table 4</a>	Max Fee: \$16.94
0012A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage; second dose	TBD	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs	No	Allowed for Ambulance (provider specialty 260) See <a href="#">Table 4</a>	Max Fee: \$28.39
91300	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, for intramuscular use	12/11/2020	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs	No	See <a href="#">Table 3</a> See <a href="#">Table 4</a>	\$0.00*

\*Providers should note that the vaccine is available at no charge to providers at this time. Therefore, the IHCP will pay at zero until further notice.

*Table 2 – New HCPCS codes, effective for DOS on or after December 11, 2020, unless otherwise noted (Continued)*

HCPCS code	Description	Effective date	Program coverage	PA required	Special billing information	Reimbursement notes
91301	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use	TBD	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs	No	See <a href="#">Table 3</a> See <a href="#">Table 4</a>	\$0.00*

*\*Providers should note that the vaccine is available at no charge to providers at this time. Therefore, the IHCP will pay at zero until further notice.*

Table 3 identifies newly covered codes from Table 1 for which separate reimbursement is allowed when billed with revenue code 636 – *Drugs requiring detailed coding for separate reimbursement in an outpatient setting*. Providers should note that the vaccine is available at no charge to providers at this time. Therefore, the IHCP will pay at zero until further notice. Providers are still encouraged to bill the vaccine codes for data collection purposes.

*Table 3 – Newly covered codes from Table 1 for which separate reimbursement is allowed when billed with revenue code 636*

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

Table 4 includes special billing instructions for limited benefit programs. For temporary use only, International Classification of Diseases, tenth edition (ICD-10), diagnosis code Z23 – *Encounter for immunization* will be added to the diagnosis groups for applicable programs for billing of COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration. Only COVID-19 vaccines and vaccine administrations should be billed for these member populations. No other vaccines are available for these programs.

*Table 4 – Special billing instructions for limited benefit programs*

Limited benefit program	Professional billing instructions	Outpatient billing instructions
Family Planning Eligibility Program Presumptive Eligibility Family Planning Services Only	ICD-10 code Z23 must be indicated at the detail level for COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration	ICD-10 code Z23 must be primary (principal) on the claim
Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women	ICD-10 code Z23 must be indicated at the detail level for COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration	ICD-10 code Z23 must be primary (principal) on the claim
Emergency Services Only	Indicate the service is an emergency by entering Y in the EMG field (paper claim form) or checking the EMG box (IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal claim) for each applicable detail (COVID-19 vaccine and administration)	ICD-10 code Z23 must be primary (principal) on the claim

**Reminders**

Providers administering COVID-19 vaccinations should instruct members receiving vaccines that require two doses to do the following:

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

Providers are also encouraged to remind their IHCP patients that the IHCP covers transportation to medical services under most benefit programs. If the member requires assistance in being transported for their vaccinations, members (or providers on behalf of members) can schedule transportation by calling the appropriate entity under which they are enrolled (see Table 5).

*Table 5 – Transportation scheduling for IHCP members*

Plan	Transportation Scheduling Phone Number
Anthem	1-866-408-6131
CareSource	1-844-607-2829
FFS (Southeastrans)	1-855-325-7586
MDwise	1-800-356-1204
MHS	1-877-647-4848

***Pharmacy instructions for billing and reimbursement of COVID-19 vaccines are available in IHCP Bulletin BT2020127.***

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