Billing Frequently Asked Questions
COVID-19 Vaccine

Q: Can providers bill for vaccine administration fees?
A: Yes. Providers may seek appropriate reimbursement from a program or health plan that covers COVID-19 vaccine administration fees for the individual receiving the vaccine (e.g., private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, etc.)

For vaccine recipients not covered by insurance, providers may seek reimbursement (at Medicare rates) for administration fees through the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Some of guidelines around the program include:

- Providers need to be registered with this program.
- Providers must agree to no balance billing.
- Providers must have verified that the recipient was not covered under insurance.
- Providers must agree to submit requests for reimbursement electronically,and receive payment electronically.

For more information about the program and claims reimbursement, visit hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim.

Q: What are the Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement rates?
A: The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services has set the following vaccine administration rates as follows:
- Medicare payment rates to administer a single-dose vaccine will be $28.39.
- For a vaccine requiring two or more doses, the initial dose(s) administration rate will be $16.94, and the administration rate for the final dose will be $28.39.

Q: What are the billing codes to be used for COVID-19 vaccine administration?
A: The most updated list of billing codes, payment allowances, and effective dates is available from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services at https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-part-b-drug-average-sales-price/covid-19-vaccines-and-monoclonal-antibodies.

Q: Will Medicaid cover vaccine administration?
A: Ohio Medicaid's fee-for-service (FFS) and managed care programs are aligned in their coverage of COVID-19 vaccines:
- For the duration of the public health emergency, Medicaid FFS and managed care will cover vaccine administration at the rates set by Medicare with no cost-sharing.
- Providers of vaccine administration must enroll as an Ohio Medicaid provider.
  The application can be completed online.
- Medicaid managed care plans will cover vaccine administration for both in- and out-of-network providers.
- FFS and managed care plans will accept vaccine administration claims through pharmacy and professional billing mechanisms.
- Pharmacy claims should follow the NCPDC COVID-19 Vaccination Emergency Preparedness Guidance

- Medicaid FFS is working with its PBM, Change Healthcare, configure their IT system to accept pharmacy claims for COVID-19 vaccine administration. Pharmacy providers should hold FFS pharmacy claims until further notification from ODM.
- Medicaid's managed care plans and their PBMs can accept pharmacy claims at this time.
- Professional claims should use the AMA's CPT® coding for COVID-19 vaccines
- Medicaid FFS can accept professional claims for vaccine administration at this time.
- Medicaid's managed care plans are working to configure their IT systems to accept professional claims for COVID-19 vaccine administration. Providers can contact the managed care plans for more information or can hold their claims until further notification from ODM

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For additional information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.