COVID-19
Vaccination Billing Resources for Local Health Departments
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Cost
How much will the vaccines cost?

There is no cost. They are free to everyone, even if you do not have health insurance. The federal government is covering the cost.


“All providers must vaccinate individuals regardless of whether they have health insurance coverage or what type of coverage they have and are prohibited from balance billing or otherwise charging vaccine recipients.”


Coding

This level of specificity offers the ability to track each vaccine dose, even when the vaccine product is not reported (e.g., when the vaccine may be given to the patient for free). These CPT codes report the actual work of administering the vaccine, in addition to all necessary counseling provided to patients or caregivers and updating the electronic record.

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The below table provides a summary of the billing codes for the payers specified in this document. For additional details, please refer to the resources of this document.

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<th>Payers</th>
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| NC Medicaid Direct; NC Medicaid Managed Care; Medicare | Ages 12 years & up | 91300 – Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine (12 yrs & up)  
0001A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 1st dose  
0002A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2nd dose  
0003A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 3rd dose  
0004A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, booster  
0004A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2nd booster  
*Pfizer second booster vaccine should be billed with CPT code 91300 and administration code 0004A as recommend by CMS. |
| NC Medicaid Direct; NC Medicaid Managed Care; Medicare | Ready to Use: Ages 12 years & up | 91305 – Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine (12 yrs & up)  
0051A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 1st dose  
0052A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2nd dose  
0053A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 3rd dose  
0054A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, booster  
0054A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine, 2nd booster  
*Pfizer second booster vaccine should be billed with CPT code 91305 and administration code 0054A as recommend by CMS. |
| NC Medicaid Direct; NC Medicaid Managed Care; Medicare | Ages 5 years to 11 years | 91307 – Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, pediatric (5 yrs to 11)  
0071A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 1st dose  
0072A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2nd dose  
0073A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 3rd dose  
0074A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, booster dose |
| NC Medicaid Direct; NC Medicaid Managed Care; Medicare | Ready to Use: Ages 6 months to under 5 years | 91308 – Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, pediatric (6 mos to under 5yrs)  
0081A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 1st dose  
0082A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2nd dose  
0083A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 3rd dose |
| **Moderna**                                 |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| NC Medicaid Direct; NC Medicaid Managed Care; Medicare | Ages 12 years & Up | 91301 – Moderna COVID-19 vaccine (12 yrs & up)  
0011A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 1st dose  
0012A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 2nd dose  
0013A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 3rd dose  
91306 – Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, booster “Red Top”  
0064A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, booster dose  
91309 – Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, booster “Blue Top” |
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| 0094A          | Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, booster dose**  
**Moderna booster administration for 18 years and older |
| 0091A          | Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 1st dose |
| 0092A          | Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 2nd dose |
| 0093A          | Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 3rd dose |
| 91309          | Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, pediatric (6 yrs to 11 yrs) “Teal” |
| 0111A          | Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 1st dose |
| 0112A          | Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 2nd dose |
| 0113A          | Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 3rd dose |
| 91303          | Janssen COVID-19 vaccine |
| 0031A          | Admin of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine |
| 0034A          | Admin of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, booster |
| 99401          | Preventative medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention (s) provided to an individual, up to 15 minutes |
| M0201          | Additional payment for administering the COVID-19 vaccine to certain Medicare patients in their homes |

**Resources:**  
### Billing

#### NC Medicaid Managed Care & Medicare COVID-19 Vaccination Billing Guidance

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<td>• The ICD-10-CM diagnosis code required for billing is: Z23 - Encounter for immunization</td>
<td>• You’ll be able to bill on single claims for COVID-19 shot administration or submit claims on a roster bill for multiple patients at one time.</td>
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<td>• Providers must bill 11-digit NDCs</td>
<td>• When COVID-19 vaccine doses are provided by the government without charge, only bill for the vaccine administration. Don’t include the vaccine codes on the claim when the vaccines are free.</td>
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<td>o The NDC units should be reported as “UN1”</td>
<td>• If you participate in a Medicare Advantage Plan, submit your COVID-19 claims to Original Medicare for all patients enrolled in Medicare Advantage in 2020 and 2021.</td>
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<td>o Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine 0.3mL = 1 unit</td>
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<td>o Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine 0.2mL (pediatric) = 1 unit</td>
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<td>o Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine 0.5mL = 1 unit</td>
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<td>o Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Booster 0.25mL = 1 unit</td>
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<td>o Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine 0.5mL = 1 unit</td>
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<td>• Claims must contain both administration codes and vaccine codes to pay.</td>
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<td>• Vaccine codes should be reported as $0.00.</td>
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<td>• Claims for first vaccine dose must have been processed, prior to processing a claim for second dose.</td>
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<td>• Modifiers</td>
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<td>o TJ modifier should be used for NC Health Choice claims (age 6 through 18 years).</td>
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<td>o EP modifier should be used for all non-NC Health Choice (only Medicaid beneficiaries) younger than 21 years of age.</td>
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<td>• Visit Medicaid’s website for these guidelines: <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/medicaid-bulletin">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/medicaid-bulletin</a></td>
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#### Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine to Certain Medicare Patients in their Homes

Effective June 8, 2021, CMS has announced the use of HCPCS Level II code M0201 for the additional payment for administering the COVID-19 vaccine to certain Medicare patients in their homes.

- You should report this code in addition to the appropriate CPT code for the product- and dose-specific COVID-19 vaccine administration
- You can only report the HCPCS Level II code for home vaccine administration once per home per date of service
- If you administer the COVID-19 vaccine to more than 1 Medicare patient in a single home on the same day, you should:
  - Only report the HCPCS Level II code M0201 once
  - Report the appropriate CPT code for the product- and dose-specific COVID-19 vaccine administration for each Medicare patient vaccinated in the home that day
Evaluation by Provider related to COVID-19 Vaccination
A provider that consults a patient, either in-person or telemedicine, for the purpose of evaluation of history and/or examination/assessment for receiving the COVID-19 vaccination may code and bill the appropriate evaluation and management service code for services rendered. The record of these visits must meet documentation standards required for reimbursement of services.

Recently Released NC Medicaid COVID-19 Special Bulletins

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #254: Pfizer-BioNTech Pediatric Vaccine
Effective June 18, 2022, North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice will cover the administration of the primary series of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 pediatric vaccine for administration to children ages 6 months to under 5 years.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is a preservative-free suspension for injection in a multiple dose vial. It is administered intramuscularly as a single dose (0.2 mL). See full prescribing information for further detail.

The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a primary series of three doses in which the initial two doses are administered three weeks apart followed by a third dose administered at least eight weeks after the second dose in individuals ages 6 months to under 5 years.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued guidance for COVID-19-related treatment to be provided under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) (Pub. L. No. 117-2). The ARPA requires state Medicaid and CHIP (NC Health Choice) programs to cover COVID-19-related treatments (including treatment of conditions that may seriously complicate the treatment of COVID-19), without cost-sharing. This guidance and the changes listed in this bulletin apply to both NC Medicaid Direct and NC Medicaid Managed Care.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #256: Moderna Pediatric Vaccine
Effective June 18, 2022, NC Medicaid and NC Health Choice will cover the administration of the primary series of the Moderna COVID-19 pediatric vaccine for administration to children ages 6 months through 5 years.

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is a preservative-free suspension for injection in a multiple dose vial. It is administered intramuscularly as a single dose (0.25 mL). See full prescribing information for further detail.

The Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a primary series of two doses administered four to eight weeks apart. Immunocompromised patients can receive a third dose four weeks after the primary series.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #257: Moderna Pediatric Vaccine
Effective June 24, 2022, NC Medicaid and NC Health Choice will cover the administration of the primary series of the Moderna COVID-19 pediatric vaccine for administration to children ages 6 through 11.

At present, the Moderna “Booster Only” formulation can be used to administer primary series doses to children ages 6 to 11. This product is only authorized for use as the primary series in this age group, and NOT for boosters at this time. Pfizer continues to be the product authorized for booster doses in the 6 to 11 age group. In the future, the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine for those ages 6 through 11 will be packaged with a teal cap and distributed as a separate product.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #261: New Moderna Pediatric Vaccine Codes
This bulletin is an update to COVID-19 SPECIAL BULLETIN #257.
Resources

NC Medicaid
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #147: Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine (N/A) HCPCS code 91301: Billing Guidelines
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #162: Medicaid Rate Increases for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Codes
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #163: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #165: Update to Approved Vaccines Covered by NC Medicaid
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #168: Vaccination Counseling Code Reimbursement
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #169: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #170: Update on Vaccination Counseling Code Reimbursement
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #171: COVID-19 Rate Increases Under NC Medicaid Managed Care
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #174: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #176: Third COVID-19 Vaccine Available
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #179: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #184: Update on Vaccination Counseling Code Reimbursement
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #186: Booster Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #192: Vaccination Outreach Code Reimbursement
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #193: Public Health Emergency Extended
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #195: Booster Dose of Pfizer, Moderna and Janssen Vaccines
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #196: Pfizer Pediatric Vaccine Authorized
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #198: Pfizer Vaccine for 12 Years and Older
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #199: Temporary Provider Rate Increases and Clinical Policy Changes Extended
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #201: Booster Dose of COVID-19 Vaccines for All Adults
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #203: NC Medicaid Revising and/or End-Dating All Temporary COVID-19 Rate Increases
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #205: Change in Age for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Booster Vaccine
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #206: Coverage for COVID-19 Treatment for NC Medicaid Optional Eligibility Group
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #208: Amended Outpatient Billing Guidance for Vaccine and Monoclonal Antibody Administration
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #210: NC Medicaid Omicron COVID-19 Surge
SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #211: Pfizer-BioNTech Booster Dose: Minimum Age Change; Permission to Administer Five Months Post-Second Dose

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #215: NC Medicaid COVID-19 Omicron Surge Flexibilities

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #216: Pharmacies Will Cover Oral Tablets (Paxlovid and Molnupiravir)

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #217: Third Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine for Children Ages 5-11

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #220: Temporary Rate Increases Extended or Replaced

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #221: Status of Federal Vaccine Mandates

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #222: FDA Approves Remdesivir (Veklury) for Qualifying Pediatric Patients

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #226: Permanent Changes Made for Public Health Emergency Flexibilities and Plan for Sunsetting of Temporary Policies

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #234: UPDATE to Permanent Changes Made for PHE Flexibilities and Plan for Sunsetting of Temporary Policies

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #235: New ICD-10 Diagnosis and Procedure Codes Effective April 1, 2022

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #236: Vaccine Incentives and Value-Added Services for NC Medicaid Managed Care Standard Plan Members

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #237: Extension of NC State of Emergency Temporary Flexibilities

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #240: Update on Vaccination Counseling Code Reimbursement

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #242: Continued Reimbursement for COVID-19-Related Services for the Uninsured

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #243: Revised Outpatient Billing Guidance for Vaccine and Monoclonal Antibody Administration

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #244: Evusheld Alternative to COVID-19 Vaccination for Some Patients

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #245: Second Booster for Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #249: Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine Booster Dose for Children Age 5 through 11

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #251: Sunsetting of Temporary COVID-19 Flexibilities Tied to the NC State of Emergency

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #254: Pfizer-BioNTech Pediatric Vaccine


SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #256: Moderna Pediatric Vaccine (Ages 6 months through 5 years)

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #257: Moderna Pediatric Vaccine

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #261: New Moderna Pediatric Vaccine Codes

Medicare
Medicare COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Payment

Medicare Billing COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Administration

NC DHHS COVID-19 Response – Information for Healthcare Providers
https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines/providers