



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.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/no-cost.html>

“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.”

Source: <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-vaccine-toolkit.pdf>

Coding

The American Medical Association (AMA) published an update to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code set that includes new vaccine-specific codes to report immunizations for the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19).

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.

Summary of COVID-19 Vaccination Coding for Local Health Departments			
	Payers	CPT Codes	Details
Pfizer	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, 1 st dose 0002A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd dose 0003A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 3 rd dose 0004A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, booster 0004A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd booster <i>*Pfizer second booster vaccine should be billed with CPT code 91300 and administration code 0004A as recommend by CMS.</i>	
	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, 1 st dose 0052A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd dose 0053A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 3 rd dose 0054A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, booster 0054A – (Ready to Use) Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine, 2 nd booster <i>*Pfizer second booster vaccine should be billed with CPT code 91305 and administration code 0054A as recommend by CMS.</i>	No reimbursement for the actual COVID-19 vaccine Per the January 7, 2022, NC Medicaid Special Bulletin COVID-19 #210 , NC
	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, 1 st dose 0072A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd dose 0073A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 3 rd dose 0074A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, booster dose	Medicaid will be reimbursing \$65.00 for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine with an retroactive date of reimbursement to April 1, 2021.
	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, 1 st dose 0082A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd dose 0083A – Admin of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 3 rd 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, 1 st dose 0012A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd dose 0013A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 3 rd 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”	

		0094A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, booster dose** **Moderna booster administration for 18 years and older	
	NC Medicaid Direct; NC Medicaid Managed Care; Medicare	Ages 6 years to 11 years 91309 – Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, pediatric (6 yrs to 11 yrs) “Teal” 0091A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 1 st dose 0092A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd dose 0093A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 3 rd dose	
	NC Medicaid Direct; NC Medicaid Managed Care; Medicare	Ages 6 months to 5 years 91311 – Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, pediatric (6 mos to 5 yrs) 0111A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 1 st dose 0112A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 2 nd dose 0113A – Admin of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, 3 rd dose	
Janssen	NC Medicaid Direct; NC Medicaid Managed Care; Medicare	91303 – Janssen COVID-19 vaccine 0031A – Admin of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine 0034A – Admin of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, booster	
	NC Medicaid Direct; NC Medicaid Managed Care	99401 – Preventative medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention (s) provided to an individual, up to 15 minutes	Effective 06/22/2021 reimbursement of provider vaccine counseling is \$32.94.
	Medicare	M0201 - Additional payment for administering the COVID-19 vaccine to certain Medicare patients in their homes	Effective 06/08/2021 reimbursement of additional payment for administering COVID-19 vaccine to certain patients in their homes of \$35.00.
Resources: COVID-19 Special Medicaid Bulletins, https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/about-us/covid-19-guidance-and-resources/providers/covid-19-special-medicaid-bulletins Medicare Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Administration, https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/medicare-billing-covid-19-vaccine-shot-administration			

Billing

NC Medicaid Managed Care & Medicare COVID-19 Vaccination Billing Guidance	
NC Medicaid & NCHC	Medicare
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ICD-10-CM diagnosis code required for billing is: Z23 - Encounter for immunization • Providers must bill 11-digit NDCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The NDC units should be reported as “UN1” ○ Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine 0.3mL = 1 unit ○ Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine 0.2mL (pediatric) = 1 unit ○ Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine 0.5mL = 1 unit ○ Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Booster 0.25mL = 1 unit ○ Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine 0.5mL = 1 unit • Claims must contain both administration codes and vaccine codes to pay. • Vaccine codes should be reported as \$0.00. • Claims for first vaccine dose must have been processed, prior to processing a claim for second dose. • Modifiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TJ modifier should be used for NC Health Choice claims (age 6 through 18 years). ○ EP modifier should be used for all non-NC Health Choice (only Medicaid beneficiaries) younger than 21 years of age. • Visit Medicaid’s website for these guidelines: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/providers/medicaid-bulletin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • 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. <p>Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine to Certain Medicare Patients in their Homes</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #255: Mandatory Coverage of COVID-19-Related Treatment Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#)

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 #148: Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine \(N/A\) HCPCS Code 91300: Billing Guidelines](#)

[SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #160: Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine HCPCS Code 91303 and 0031A 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-BioN Tech 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 #255: Mandatory Coverage of COVID-19-Related Treatment Under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#)

[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>