

Apple Health (Medicaid) COVID-19 vaccine clinical policy

In this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Care Authority is aware that usual and customary ways of providing and billing/reporting services may not be feasible. It is also understood that different providers will have different capabilities. Therefore, in the interest of public health, HCA's Apple Health (Medicaid) program is trying to be as flexible as possible and is creating new policies that will allow you to provide medically necessary services and bill or report the encounter with the most appropriate code you determine applicable, using the guidance below.

COVID-19 vaccine clinical policy

The following policy applies to fee-for-service (FFS) and HCA-contracted managed care organizations (MCOs).

Cost

The vaccines have been purchased by the federal government and are being provided free of charge to providers that have enrolled in the federal [COVID-19 Vaccination Program](#) or the [Washington State Department of Health COVID – 19 Vaccination Program](#).

Providers

Must have enrolled with either Washington State Department of Health or the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to administer COVID-19 vaccine shots.

Must have a Core Provider Agreement with Apple Health (Medicaid) whose scope of practice includes vaccine administration.

Pharmacist/Pharmacies (effective date 2/15/2021)

Pharmacists may prescribe, administer, and bill for COVID-19 vaccine administration.

Apple Health will reimburse for COVID-19 vaccine administration when administered by a pharmacy technician or a pharmacy intern under immediate supervision of a pharmacist with an ancillary utilization plan (AUP) approved by the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission. To bill for these services, the pharmacist who delegates the task should be entered as the servicing provider.

Clinics billing for this service when performed by a pharmacist should follow the standard billing procedures.

Pharmacists billing for this service must bill on a HIPAA 837 transaction using the billing taxonomy of 193200000X.

Pharmacies may bill for COVID-19 vaccine administration when the performing provider is a pharmacist.

- For the fee-for-service program, bill as a HIPAA 837 transaction using the pharmacy billing taxonomy of 193200000X and include the place of service.
- For agency-contracted managed care organizations (MCOs), bill as a pharmacy point-of-sale transaction and follow NCPDP standards.

Reporting Requirements

Providers must adhere to the reporting requirements as dictated by the Washington State Department of Health as a condition for participation in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program, to ensure data entry into the Washington Immunization Information System (WAIIS) or another system designated by the CDC according to CDC documentation and data requirements.

Reimbursement information and billing guidance (Revised 2/26/2021)

The vaccines and vaccine administration codes listed in the table below, are covered by Apple Health (Medicaid).

When billing for the vaccine and the vaccine administration in an OPPS setting, the location revenue code must be used, not the vaccine administration revenue code. Any claims that have been denied due to noncoverage of revenue code 0771 should be resubmitted with the location revenue code.

There is no separate billing guidance (such as roster billing) for a provider doing mass immunizations. Providers may bill an [837 batch file](#) per the processes that are already in place.

When billing for vaccine administration, bill both the vaccine code and the appropriate vaccine administration code. For tracking purposes, Apple Health (Medicaid) is requesting that providers include the vaccine CPT code when billing, but it is not required. Medicaid will not pay for the vaccine, but will pay for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine if the COVID vaccine administration is the only service provided then do not bill for an E/M.

Indian Health Service Providers – The encounter rate is payable for Medicaid covered professional services following the Tribal Health Billing Guide. The encounter rate is not payable for drugs/pharmaceuticals.

Please see the [COVID-19 fee schedule](#) for rates and effective dates.

CPT®/HCPCS Code	Short Description	Labeler
91300	SARSCOV2 VAC 30MCG/0.3ML IM	Pfizer
0001A	ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 1ST	Pfizer
0002A	ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 2ND	Pfizer
91301	SARSCOV2 VAC 100MCG/0.5ML IM	Moderna
0011A	ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML1ST	Moderna
0012A	ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML2ND	Moderna