Medi-Cal Rx

Coming Soon: MMRV Vaccine Reimbursement for Children Younger Than 4 Years of Age

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Background

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recently voted to remove the Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella (MMRV) vaccine from the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program for children younger than 4 years of age. On December 12, 2025, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) indicated it will continue recommending the MMRV vaccine for children younger than 4 years of age, and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has signaled intent to cover the vaccine under Assembly Bill 144. Under California's AB 144 (*Welfare and Institutions Code* [W&I Code], Section 14132.995), DHCS is authorized to cover vaccines recommended by ACIP, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), or CDPH.

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Know

Pursuant to AB 144, Medi-Cal Rx will cover the MMRV vaccine for children younger than 4 years of age, consistent with current CDPH recommendations and regardless of the federal ACIP recommendation, for claims submitted with a date of service (DOS) on or after December 12, 2025.

Claims submitted for an MMRV vaccine will be reimbursed following the standard Medi-Cal Rx vaccine payment method: **Ingredient Cost + Professional Dispensing Fee and Professional Service Administration Fee**. To receive the appropriate Professional Service Administration Fee, pharmacy providers should submit these claims with the appropriate amount in the Submitted Incentive Fee field and with the following Drug Use Review (DUR) codes:

- Reason for Service Code: PH – Preventative Health Care
- Professional Service Code: MA – Medication Administration
- Result of Service Code: 3N – Medication Administered

Claims will be reimbursed at the lesser of the Submitted Incentive Fee or the Allowed Incentive Fee.

The MMRV vaccine will follow the established process for members 4 years of age and older. For children in this age group, the vaccine will only be covered under the VFC program at the standard Medi-Cal Rx VFC rate.

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Do

Pharmacy providers should wait to submit claims for the MMRV vaccine for members younger than 4 years of age with a DOS on or after December 12, 2025, until this policy is implemented. Medi-Cal Rx will provide additional information on the Bulletins & News page as it becomes available. These claims should be rebilled within six months of the original DOS to avoid any timely filling cutbacks.

Refer to the *Vaccine Administration Fee* section in the *Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual* for additional billing information.

Resources

- Review the *ACIP Resolution No. 09/25-1 (MMRV Vaccine)*.
- Review the *Medi-Cal Reimbursement of Vaccines for VFC and Non-VFC Enrolled Pharmacy Providers – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*.
- Review the *Vaccines For Children Program* section in the *Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual* located on the Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal.
- Review the *Vaccines For Children Program: Medi-Cal Reference Guide*.

Contact Information

You can call the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center (CSC) at 1-800-977-2273, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

For other questions, email Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach at MediCalRxEducationOutreach@primetherapeutics.com.

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