



# Mpox Vaccine: Change in Reimbursement Rate

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## What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2023, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will no longer reimburse the administration of mpox vaccines (JYNNEOS) based on the enhanced Medicare rate approved by the U.S. Federal Government since the mpox public health emergency (PHE) has ended.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) had approved State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0062 which established the Medi-Cal fee-for-service reimbursement rate for mpox vaccine administration at 100 percent of the corresponding Medicare rate for the same or similar service, effective August 17, 2022, through the end of the mpox PHE. The U.S. Federal and California State governments have since declared the end of the PHE for mpox effective January 31, 2023. Therefore, effective February 1, 2023, DHCS will reimburse the mpox vaccine administration at the Medi-Cal fee-for-service rate currently in effect.

**This policy update is applicable to the JYNNEOS Vaccine billed with the following NDC, billing quantity, and Max quantity as outlined below:**

NDC	Label Name	Generic Name	PA required (Y or N)	Min Age	Claim Quantity	Max Quantity
50632000101	JYNNEOS 0.5 ML VIAL (STOCKPILE)	Smallpox and mpox vaccine	N	0	0.5 ml (subcutaneous) <b>OR</b> 0.1 ml (intra dermal)	0.5 ml

Providers will receive a 120-day timeliness override to submit the mpox vaccines with dates of service August 17, 2022, through January 31, 2023.

DHCS will reprocess all affected retroactive claims for dates of service on or after February 1, 2023, until policy implementation, to apply the new rate.

## What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

No action is required of providers at this time. DHCS will automatically reprocess affected claims with dates of service on or after February 1, 2023 for appropriate reimbursement.

For the most recent dose updates, see the [Mpox Vaccination](#) page of the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) website.

## 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.

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