



Medi-Cal Rx

Targeted Rate Increases for Immunization Administration Fees for Pharmacy Providers

June 6, 2025

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Know

Effective June 6, 2025, the administration fee for vaccines will increase for pharmacy providers retroactively with a date of service (DOS) on or after January 1, 2024, from \$3.79 to \$15.95 (or the lesser of the billed amount). In alignment with the targeted rate increases for COVID-19 vaccines announced in the alert titled [Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Reimbursement Rates](#), the administration fee will be \$34.00 (or the lesser of the billed amount). These rates do not apply to claims under the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program.

This increase is in accordance with the *Welfare and Institutions Code* (W&I Code), Section 14132.968(a)(3) which states, "*The rate of reimbursement for pharmacist services shall be at 85 percent of the fee schedule for physician services under the Medi-Cal program, except for Medication Therapy Management (MTM) pharmacist services as described in Section 14132.969.*"

Reminder: To receive the professional services administration fee, the pharmacy provider must identify that the pharmacy is administering the vaccine and enter the applicable values in the following NCPDP fields:

- Enter the dollar amount of the administration fee in the Incentive Fee Amount Submitted field (NCPDP Field ID: 438-E3).
- Select the following Reason for Service Code (NCPDP Field ID: 439-E4):
 - PH = Preventive Health Care
- Select the following Professional Service Code (NCPDP Field ID: 440-E5):
 - MA = Medication Administration
- Select the following Result of Service Code (NCPDP Field ID: 441-E6):
 - 3N = Medication Administration

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Do

No action is required by pharmacy providers. A mass adjustment will be processed to correct the reimbursement of affected claims with a DOS on or after January 1, 2024.

- For more information about rate increases, refer to the [Medi-Cal Targeted Provider Rate Increases and Investments](#) page on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website.

- For more information about pharmacy claim mass adjustments, refer to the [Mass Adjustments](#) page located on the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Portal](#).
- For additional assistance, pharmacy providers may send a secured email to MediCalRxEducationOutreach@primetherapeutics.com and include, if appropriate, any claim-specific information with the correspondence.

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.