



Update: Reimbursement for New Commercial COVID-19 Vaccines

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Background

On September 11, 2023, and September 21, 2023, alerts were published to update pharmacy providers and prescribers about forthcoming information regarding reimbursement of new commercial COVID-19 vaccines. Refer to the [Coming Soon: Commercialization of COVID-19 Vaccines](#) and [Reimbursement for New Commercial COVID-19 Vaccines](#) alerts.

The purpose of this alert is to provide updated guidance regarding Medi-Cal Rx's reimbursement policy specific to these new commercial COVID-19 vaccines.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

The new commercial COVID-19 vaccines will now appropriately reimburse the cost for the commercial vaccines (in addition to the \$40 incentive fee).

Note: The submission clarification code (SCC) of '2' is not required for these commercial COVID-19 vaccines.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

Pharmacy providers are highly encouraged to reverse and resubmit prior claims with an incorrect reimbursement rate to obtain the updated reimbursement policy.

Note: Medi-Cal Rx will perform a claim adjustment on any claims that are not resubmitted and reprocessed to ensure accurate reimbursement. Providers will be notified as soon as additional information is available.

Reminders

- Pursuant to the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act, COVID-19 vaccines are a Medi-Cal Rx pharmacy benefit for members 3 years of age and older.
- For members 6 months of age up to 3 years of age, coverage of the vaccine will be available only through the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program. Products remain federally funded. To locate an eligible provider, visit <https://eziz.org/> or call 1-877-243-8832. Claims submitted to Medi-Cal Rx for members younger than 3 years of age will deny with **Reject Code 60 – Product/Service Not Covered for Patient Age** with the message, *"Product only available through a Vaccines for Children (VFC) provider for children under 3. To locate an eligible provider, see https://eziz.org/ or call 1-877-243-8832. Age requirement not met. Prior Authorization Required."*
- Uninsured and underinsured adults may obtain free COVID-19 vaccines through the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's \(CDC\) Bridge Access Program](#). The vaccines can be accessed through local pharmacies and health care providers, including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). For additional details, see the guidance from California Department of Public Health (CDPH)'s [California Bridge Access Program](#).
- New commercial COVID-19 Vaccines (2023-2024 formulas) are listed in the following table:

COVID-19 Vaccines	NDCs
Comirnaty (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) (2023-2024 Formula)	00069-2362-01, 00069-2362-10, 00069-2392-10, (NEW!) 00069-2377-01, (NEW!) 00069-2377-10
Moderna (COVID-19 Vaccine) (2023-2024 Formula)	80777-0287-07, 80777-0287-92
Novavax (COVID-19 Vaccine) (2023-2024 Formula)	80631-0105-01, 80631-0105-02
Pfizer-BioNTech (COVID-19 Vaccine) (2023-2024 Formula)	59267-4315-01, 59267-4315-02, 59267-4331-02
Spikevax (COVID-19 Vaccine, mRNA) (2023-2024 Formula)	80777-0102-95, 80777-0102-96, 80777-0102-93, 80777-0102-01, 80777-0102-04

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Note: Claims submitted for NDCs not yet assigned a price will deny with Reject Code 85 – Claim Not Processed with the following supplemental messaging, <i>“No price exists for the NDC submitted.”</i>	

Resources

- [Patient Resources for COVID Vaccine](#)
- [Commercialization at a Glance: Provider Transition Guide](#)
- [Fact Sheet: HHS Announces ‘HHS Bridge Access Program For COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments’ to Maintain Access to COVID-19 Care for the Uninsured](#)
- [CDC’s Bridge Access Program](#)

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@magellanhealth.com.