



Medi-Cal Rx

Commercial COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage for Children

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Background

In September 2023, alerts were published to update providers and prescribers regarding reimbursement of new commercial COVID-19 vaccines. It was announced that coverage of the vaccine for members 6 months through 18 years of age was available only through the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program.

The purpose of this alert is to provide an updated policy in which **COVID-19 vaccines are a Medi-Cal Rx pharmacy benefit for members 3 years of age and older**, pursuant to the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act. Medi-Cal Rx will reimburse pharmacy providers for the ingredient cost of the commercial vaccines, in addition to a \$40 incentive fee. A professional dispensing fee remains excluded for COVID-19 vaccines.

- » For members 6 months of age up to 3 years of age, coverage of the vaccine will be available only through the 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.”*

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.

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