



Medi-Cal Rx

Coming Soon: Medi-Cal Reimbursement for Vaccines For Children-Enrolled Providers

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Coming soon! Medi-Cal will reimburse Vaccines For Children (VFC)-enrolled providers for claims submitted for dates of service (DOS) on and after January 1, 2023, when VFC-funded vaccines are administered to eligible Medi-Cal members 18 years of age and younger.

For VFC-funded vaccine pharmacy claims:

- Medi-Cal Rx will announce when the pharmacy claims adjudication system is prepared to appropriately adjudicate submitted claims, as well as any additional billing instructions pharmacy providers should utilize when billing.

For VFC-funded vaccine medical claims:

- For Medi-Cal fee-for-service members, pharmacy providers can contact the California Medicaid Management Information System (CA-MMIS) Fiscal Intermediary's Telephone Service Center (TSC) at 1-800-541-5555.
- For Medi-Cal managed care members, the pharmacy provider can contact the member's managed care plan (MCP).

Medi-Cal enrolled pharmacy providers must enroll in the VFC program to receive reimbursement through Medi-Cal for VFC-funded vaccines for members 18 years of age and younger. The vaccines must be administered in accordance with the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Individual pharmacists must enroll in Medi-Cal as an Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing (ORP) provider for claim reimbursement. Pharmacists without a National Provider Identifier (NPI) and who are not enrolled as an ORP provider may administer vaccines as long as the prescriber whose NPI is submitted on the claim to Medi-Cal Rx is enrolled as an ORP. Billing is under the pharmacy, not individual pharmacists since pharmacists are not enrolled as the billing provider.

Pharmacy providers can bill for three different services for reimbursement:

- Vaccine Administration Fee
- Professional Dispensing Fee
- Pharmacist Services (consultation and assessment [vaccine initiation] fee)

Reimbursement rates for pharmacies for the vaccine administration and vaccine initiation are 85 percent of that of medical providers pursuant to *Welfare and Institutions Code* (W&I Code), Section 14132.968. The cost of the vaccine will not be reimbursed since it is funded by the VFC program.

For more detailed guidance, refer to the [Medi-Cal Reimbursement of Vaccines For Children \(VFC\)-Enrolled Pharmacy Providers and for VFC and Non-VFC Vaccines – Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

Resources

- Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) (CA-MMIS) medical claim answers can be found in the [DHCS Provider Manual](#).
- Refer to the [Vaccines For Children \(VFC\) Program](#) section in the DHCS Provider Manual for more billing details, including vaccine CPT codes.

Contact Information

For fee-for-service medical claim information, pharmacies can contact the CA-MMIS Fiscal Intermediary's TSC at 1-800-541-5555.