



Medi-Cal Rx

Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Reimbursement Rates

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Background

The purpose of this alert is to notify pharmacy providers of an upcoming change for reimbursement rates in administration fees and at-home administration fees for COVID-19 vaccines effective October 1, 2024.

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Know

Effective October 1, 2024, the \$40 administration fee and \$35 at-home supplemental administration fee for COVID-19 vaccines will expire, marking the end of the American Rescue Plan period. Claims with a date of service (DOS) on or after October 1, 2024, will no longer receive these administration fees.

Claims for COVID-19 vaccines with a DOS on or after October 1, 2024, will follow the Medi-Cal targeted rate increase at 85 percent of the fee schedule for physician services in accordance with the *Welfare and Institutions Code* (W&I Code), Section 14132.968. Refer to the [Medi-Cal Targeted Provider Rate Increases and Investments](#) page on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website.

Reimbursement for pharmacy providers will equal the ingredient cost + dispensing fee + administration fee. Vaccine claims that do not qualify for the Vaccine For Children (VFC) program will receive an administration fee of \$34; vaccine claims that do qualify for VFC will receive a \$7.65 administration fee.

VFC claims will not be reimbursed for the ingredient cost of the vaccine.

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Do

No action is required for pharmacy providers as a result of this reimbursement rate change. Pharmacy providers should refer to the following Medi-Cal Rx resources for vaccine reimbursement and billing information:

- *Pharmacy Administered Immunizations/Vaccines* section in the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#)
- [Claim Submission Reminders](#)
- [Medi-Cal Rx Billing Tips](#)

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.