



Extension of Post-PREP COVID-19 Vaccine Policy

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Background

The purpose of this alert is to inform pharmacy providers that coverage for COVID-19 vaccines under the Public Readiness Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act has been extended through December 31, 2029. The alert that was previously posted on December 10, 2024 titled [Post-PREP COVID-19 Vaccine Policy Update](#) will be archived.

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Know

- Medi-Cal members younger than 3 years of age must obtain their COVID-19 vaccines through the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program.
- Medi-Cal members 3 years of age and older may obtain their COVID-19 vaccines through non-VFC pharmacy providers.
- Reimbursement rates will remain as follows:
 - For VFC pharmacy providers: Medi-Cal Rx will reimburse pharmacy administered COVID-19 vaccines along with all other VFC pharmacy administered vaccines at dispensing fee + administration fee. An ingredient cost is not included for vaccines funded through the VFC program.
 - For non-VFC pharmacy providers: Medi-Cal Rx will reimburse pharmacy administered COVID-19 vaccines along with all other pharmacy administered vaccines at ingredient cost + dispensing fee + administration fee.

For additional information, refer to the *COVID-19 Vaccines, Antigen Test Kits, and Therapeutics: Coverage and Reimbursements* section in the [Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual](#).

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Do

Pharmacy providers should refer to the following Medi-Cal Rx resources for vaccine reimbursement and billing information:

- [Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Reimbursement Rates](#)
- [Vaccines For Children Program: Medi-Cal Reference Guide](#)
- [Vaccines For Children Program Policy and Billing Guidance for Pharmacy Providers](#)
- *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.