

Post-PREP COVID-19 Vaccine Policy Update

December 10, 2024

Background

The purpose of this alert is to inform pharmacy providers that coverage for COVID-19 vaccines under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act ends December 31, 2024.

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Know

Effective January 1, 2025, COVID-19 vaccine coverage will follow the standard policy for vaccines:

- Medi-Cal members 18 years of age and younger must obtain their COVID-19 vaccines through the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program.
- For Medi-Cal members 19 years of age and older, COVID vaccines are a covered Medi-Cal Rx pharmacy benefit.

For additional information, refer to the COVID-19 Vaccines, Antigen Test Kits, and Therapeutics: Coverage and Reimbursements section in the <u>Medi-Cal Rx Provider Manual</u>.

What Pharmacy Providers Need to Do

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

- 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 <u>Medi-Cal Rx Provider</u> <u>Manual</u>
- 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.