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IHCP to cover COVID-19 vaccine for children as young as age 6 months

On June 17, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\)](#) for Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines for the prevention of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) for children as young as 6 months of age.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met to discuss and ultimately recommend:

- Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 6 months through 5 years
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 6 months through 4 years

Effective immediately, for dates of service (DOS) on and after **June 17, 2022**, the Indiana Health Coverage

Programs (IHCP) will reimburse IHCP-enrolled providers for the administration of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to members ages 6 months through 5 years and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to members ages 6 months through 4 years.

The IHCP received applicable Current Procedural Terminology (CPT^{®1}) codes from the American Medical Association (AMA) for the vaccines and their administration. With the exception of CPT code 0083A, these new codes were first announced in *IHCP Bulletin* [BT202251](#), before details about coverage or reimbursement had been established. [Table 1](#) includes that additional information for these codes.

As established in [BT2020129](#), [BT202102](#) and [BT202172](#), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers and pharmacies will be allowed to bill for vaccine administration. Vaccinations can be administered to all eligible IHCP members meeting vaccine EUA criteria and ACIP age and dosing interval recommendations. Any additional requirements or limitations specified by the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) or CDC must also be met.

COVID-19 vaccination reimbursement is carved out of managed care benefits. Claims billed through the medical benefit (professional and outpatient claims) for managed care and fee-for-service (FFS) members should be submitted to the FFS claim-processing vendor, Gainwell Technologies. Pharmacy claims for managed care and FFS members should be submitted to the FFS pharmacy benefit manager, OptumRx, as announced in [BT2020127](#) and updated in [BT2020172](#).

COVID-19 vaccines are to be supplied free of charge, without copay, to all IHCP members, including members in limited-benefit categories, such as Emergency Services Only (ESO). COVID-19 vaccination claims for IHCP members who are dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid must be billed to the member's Medicare plan provider.

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The following code tables will be updated:

- *Revenue Codes With Special Procedure Code Linkages*
- *Physician-Administered Drugs Carved Out of Managed Care and Reimbursable Outside the Inpatient Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG)*
- *Transportation Services Codes*

Table 1 – New codes for COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration, effective for DOS on or after June 17, 2022

Procedure code	Description	Coverage	PA required	Reimbursement notes
91308	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 3 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use	Covered for all programs that serve this age group, including limited benefit programs	No	Max Fee: \$0* Restricted to ages 6 months through 4 years Allowed for Family Supports Waiver (FSW) providers (specialty 360) and Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH) Waiver providers (specialty 359) when billed with modifier U7 Linked to revenue code 636
91310	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, monovalent, preservative free, 5 mcg/0.5 mL dosage, adjuvan AS03 emulsion, for intramuscular use	Noncovered	N/A	N/A
91311	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 25 mcg/0.25 mL dosage, for intramuscular use	Covered for all programs that serve this age group, including limited benefit programs	No	Max Fee: \$0* Restricted to ages 6 months through 5 years Allowed for FSW providers (specialty 360) and CIH Waiver providers (specialty 360) when billed with modifier U7 Linked to revenue code 636
0081A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 3 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation; first dose	Covered for all programs that serve this age group, including limited benefit programs	No	Max Fee: \$36.90 Restricted to ages 6 months through 4 years Allowed for Ambulance providers (specialty 260) Allowed for FSW providers (specialty 360) and CIH Waiver providers (specialty 359) when billed with modifier U7 Linked to revenue code 636

* *Providers should note that the vaccine is available at no charge to providers at this time. Therefore, the IHCP will pay at zero until further notice.*

Table 1 – New codes for COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration, effective for DOS on or after June 17, 2022 (Continued)

Procedure code	Description	Coverage	PA required	Reimbursement notes
0082A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 3 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation; second dose	Covered for all programs that serve this age group, including limited benefit programs	No	Max Fee: \$36.90 Restricted to ages 6 months through 4 years Allowed for Ambulance providers (specialty 260) Allowed for FSW providers (specialty 360) and CIH Waiver providers (specialty 359) when billed with modifier U7 Linked to revenue code 636
0083A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 3 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; tris-sucrose formulation; third dose	Covered for all programs that serve this age group, including limited benefit programs	No	Max Fee: \$36.90 Restricted to ages 6 months through 4 years Allowed for Ambulance providers (specialty 260) Allowed for FSW providers (specialty 360) and CIH Waiver providers (specialty 359) when billed with modifier U7 Linked to revenue code 636
0111A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 25 mcg/0.25 mL dosage; first dose	Covered for all programs that serve this age group, including limited benefit programs	No	Max Fee: \$36.90 Restricted to ages 6 months through 5 years Allowed for Ambulance providers (specialty 260) Allowed for FSW providers (specialty 360) and CIH Waiver providers (specialty 359) when billed with modifier U7 Linked to revenue code 636
0112A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 25 mcg/0.25 mL dosage; second dose	Covered for all programs that serve this age group, including limited benefit programs	No	Max Fee: \$36.90 Restricted to ages 6 months through 5 years Allowed for Ambulance providers (specialty 260) Allowed for FSW providers (specialty 360) and CIH Waiver providers (specialty 359) when billed with modifier U7 Linked to revenue code 636

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