

IHCP *bulletin*

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IHCP to reimburse pharmacy providers for adult vaccine administration

Effective October 1, 2015, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will reimburse IHCP-enrolled pharmacy providers for pharmacist-administered vaccines to eligible IHCP members 19 years of age and older. An overview of the policy, covered vaccines, pharmacy requirements, reimbursement information, and claim instructions are presented in this bulletin.

Overview

- IHCP-enrolled pharmacy providers will be reimbursed for the administration of a covered vaccine by a pharmacist employed by the pharmacy provider.
- Pharmacy claims for this service must be submitted through the standard point-of-sale (POS) system or via paper pharmacy claims.
- Vaccinations for IHCP members who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare must be billed to Medicare.
- The maximum allowable reimbursement for the administration component of the service will be consistent with reimbursement for vaccines administered by medical providers, which is currently \$17.61 (includes intranasal and oral vaccines, as well as percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, and intramuscular injections).

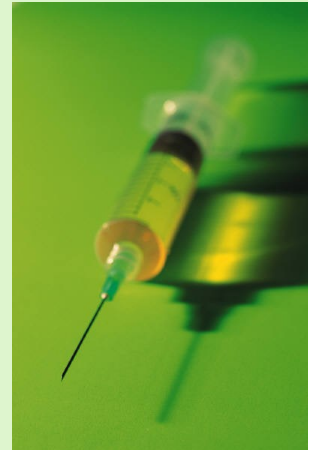


Covered vaccines (IC 25-26-13-31.2)

- The administration of all vaccines is reimbursable with a prescription or drug order.
- The administration of vaccines is reimbursable with a protocol approved by an IHCP-enrolled physician who meets the requirements of *Indiana Code IC 25-26-13-31.2(c)* for the following vaccines only:
 - Influenza
 - Herpes zoster (shingles) for members 50 years of age and older
 - Tetanus, diphtheria, and a cellular pertussis (Tdap)
 - Human papilloma virus (HPV); for males and females
 - Pneumococcal for members 65 years of age and older
 - Meningococcal

Pharmacy requirements (IC 25-26-13-31.2)

- IC 25-26-13-31.2 and all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and applicable Indiana State Board of Pharmacy laws and regulations, must be followed regarding administration of vaccines.
- The administering pharmacist must be appropriately certified to administer vaccines.
- Pharmacy providers must participate in the Indiana State Department of Health's [Children and Hoosier Immunization Registry Program \(CHIRP\)](#), a secure online registry databank into which providers record the immunizations administered in Indiana (IC 16-38-5).
- Pharmacy providers are required to notify (via telephone, fax, email, or mail) a member's primary medical provider (PMP) of each administration of a vaccine to the member. If the PMP is not known, the pharmacy provider must obtain, from the member, the name of a PMP and inform the PMP that the vaccine has been administered by the pharmacy provider.
- Documentation of vaccine administration, PMP notification, and CHIRP registry must be retained at the pharmacy and is subject to audit.

**Reimbursement information**

- The IHCP reimburses claims for administered vaccines at the lowest of the following:
 - The estimated acquisition cost (EAC) of the vaccine plus applicable administration fee
 - The State maximum allowable cost (MAC) of the vaccine plus applicable administration fee
 - The pharmacy provider's submitted usual-and-customary charge (the amount a pharmacy provider offers to charge the general public for the vaccine and administration, including applicable available discounts and the administration fee)
- *Note:* Pharmacies are not Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers in Indiana. IHCP members who are eligible for VFC program vaccinations must use a VFC provider for their vaccinations.
- *Note:* Pharmacy providers will not receive both a dispensing fee and an administration fee for a single service rendered. Pharmacy providers will continue to be reimbursed only a dispensing fee for vaccines dispensed from the pharmacy for administration off-site by a different provider.

Claim instructions

- All claims must be submitted as pharmacy claims.
- Claims for vaccines administered by a pharmacy provider must include the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Professional Pharmacy Services (PPS) segment with a value of "1" in the DURPPS Code Counter, National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Field 473-7E and a value of "MA" (medication administered) for the Professional Service Code (NCPDP Field 440-E5).
- The pharmacy must submit only its usual-and-customary charge for the service.
- The quantity submitted should reflect the NCPDP unit of measure of the product administered (see examples in [Table 1](#)).

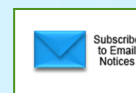
Table 1 – Examples of NCPDP billing quantities

Name	Typical NCPDP Billing Quantity
Hepatitis A vaccine	1 ml/dose
Hepatitis B vaccine (recombinant)	1 ml/dose
Influenza	0.5 ml/dose IM; 0.1 ml/dose intradermal; 1 unit flumist
Japanese encephalitis virus	0.5 ml/dose
Poliovirus vaccine, IPV	0.5 ml/dose
Human papillomavirus (HPV)	0.5 ml/dose
Rabies virus	1 ml/dose
Varicella virus vaccine (live)	0.5 ml/dose
Yellow fever vaccine	0.5 ml/dose
Zoster vaccine (live)	0.65 ml/dose
Hepatitis A (inactivated)-hepatitis B (recombinant) vaccine	1 ml/dose
Measles, mumps, and rubella virus vaccines	0.5 ml/dose
Anthrax vaccine (adsorbed)	0.5 ml/dose
Haemophilus b	0.5 ml/dose
Meningococcal	0.5 ml/dose
Pneumococcal	0.5 ml/dose
Typhoid vaccine	0.5 ml/dose IM; 4 caps for oral
Tetanus toxoid and combinations	0.5 ml/dose

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