



NYRx Response to Executive Order #65

On October 5, 2026, Governor Kathy Hochul declared a disaster emergency in the state of New York due to an ongoing measles outbreak. The Governor issued an Executive Order effective October 5, 2026, until November 4, 2026, or through any subsequent extensions. The Executive Order allows New York State pharmacists to administer measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccinations to children two years of age and older, pursuant to a non-patient specific order. To review the Executive Order in its entirety, please refer to: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/executive-order/no-65-declaring-disaster-emergency-state-new-york-due-ongoing-measles-outbreak>.

For individuals under the age of 19 the MMR vaccine is provided free of charge by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Therefore, NYRx, the New York State Medicaid Drug Program does not reimburse for the MMR vaccine for individuals under the age of 19, however, NYRx will reimburse for administration to enrolled pharmacies within the authority of the executive order.

NYRx provides coverage for formulations of the MMR vaccine for eligible members age 19 and older. Enrolled pharmacy providers will be reimbursed for vaccine cost and administration when administered to eligible members.

Pharmacy Providers Billing MMR to NYRx

- ✓ The **Preferred Method** for billing vaccines to NYRx is by National Drug Codes (NDCs). Note: Billing by NDC will include the administration fee.
- ✓ For either a patient specific or non-patient specific order, the ordering prescriber's National Provider Identification (NPI) is required on the claim for the claim to be paid. Please see the NYS Medicaid Pharmacy Manual Policy Guidelines section titled, *Non-Patient Specific Drug Orders*, for guidance related to processing these orders: https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Pharmacy/PDFS/Pharmacy_Policy_Guidelines.pdf.
- ✓ Please refer to the comprehensive guidance, *NYRx, Medicaid Pharmacy Program Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet*, for information on billing exceptions, field codes and values, and more: https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/phar_immun_fact.htm.

Questions and Additional Information:

- Information on Measles: <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/index.html>.
- Non-pharmacy providers may find specific fee-for-service reimbursement and billing guidance here: https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Physician/PDFS/Physician_Procedure_Codes_Sect2.pdf.
- New York State Standing Orders: https://health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/providers/standing_orders.htm.
- Individual Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) Plan contacts for assistance with Managed care member medical billing can be found here: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_transition/mcp/index.htm.
- NYRx billing and claim questions should be directed to the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000.
- NYRx pharmacy coverage and policy questions should be directed to the Medicaid Pharmacy Policy Unit by telephone at (518) 486-3209 or by email at NYRx@health.ny.gov.