



Update: 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 when obtained through the VFC program, however, NYRx will reimburse for administration to VFC enrolled pharmacies within the authority of the executive order.

During the period the Executive Order remains in effect, NY Medicaid enrolled pharmacies not enrolled in the VFC program may be reimbursed by NYRx the acquisition cost of the vaccine and its administration when administered to eligible members 2 years of age and older.

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

- ✓ **Procedure code billing is required for correct reimbursement for non-VFC providers administering MMR vaccines for members under the age of 19.**
- ✓ For MMR vaccine submission, whether enrolled in the VFC Program or not, the pharmacy would submit the appropriate vaccine procedure code(s) with their **actual cost**, then submit procedure code "90460" (administration of vaccine to patients 18 or younger) for administration of first or subsequent doses. A system edit will ensure that, when there is an incoming claim for the administrative fee (procedure code "90460"), there is also a claim in history for a VFC-eligible vaccine procedure code. If no history claim is found, then the claim will be rejected for edit 02291.
- ✓ For administration of two vaccines on the same date to members younger than 19 years of age, procedure code "90460" should be used with a quantity of "2" in Field 442-E7 (Quantity Dispensed).
- ✓ For NCPDP claims transactions that are rejected for edit 02291, the corresponding Medicaid Eligibility Verification System (MEVS) Reject Reason code "738" will be returned "History Not Found for Administrative Vaccine Claim" and NCPDP Reject code "85" "Claim Not Processed."
- ✓ 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_Select2.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.