



New York State Pharmacy Coverage for Coronavirus Vaccines for Members Eligible for the Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program

Through December 31, 2024, non-VFC enrolled pharmacies may bill the COVID-19 vaccine per the guidance posted in the notice titled, *New York State Medicaid Coverage Policy and Billing Guidance for Pharmacy Providers for the 2023-2024 COVID-19 Vaccines*, found here: https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/covid19/guidance/docs/mpc_policy-billing_guide.pdf

Effective January 1, 2025, with the expiration of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) and provisions in the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act, New York State (NYS) Medicaid will revert to pre-pandemic processing of vaccines for NYS Medicaid members younger than 19 years of age. **Pharmacy providers administering Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines to VFC program eligible NYS Medicaid members must be enrolled in VFC as of January 1, 2025.** Alternatively, pharmacies that are **not** enrolled in the VFC program may choose to provide COVID-19 vaccines for NYS Medicaid members younger than 19 years of age, at no charge, to the NYS Medicaid member or to NYS Medicaid, and will be reimbursed for vaccine administration only.

Providers may not bill Medicaid for the cost of vaccines that have been obtained via the VFC program.

Additional Information and Questions:

- For COVID-19 information, providers should visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) “COVID-19 Vaccines & Immunizations” web page, located at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html>.
- NYS Medicaid FFS claim questions should be directed to the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000.
- NYRx Pharmacy Policy questions should be directed to (518) 486-3209 or NYRx@health.ny.gov.
- NYS Medicaid FFS coverage and policy questions should be directed to the Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP) Division of Program Development and Management (DPDM) by telephone at (518) 473-2160 or by email at FFSMedicaidPolicy@health.ny.gov.
- Medicaid Managed Care questions should be directed to the specific Managed Care Plan of the enrollee. Plan contact information can be found in the eMedNY *New York State Medicaid Program Information for All Providers – Managed Care Information* document, located at: https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/AllProviders/PDFS/Information_for_All_Providers_Managed_Care_Information.pdf.