



NYRx Coverage of the 2025-2026 COVID-19 Vaccine

Effective September 1, 2025, NYRx, the New York State Medicaid Pharmacy program, is providing coverage for the 2025-2026 formulations of the COVID-19 vaccine. **Effective September 5, 2025**, in accordance with the Executive Order #52 and the guidance issued by the Commissioner of Health, pharmacists are authorized to order patient-specific orders for COVID-19 vaccination for patients aged 3 and older for off-label usage of COVID-19 vaccine. See Advisory Immunization Notification titled *2025-20206 COVID-19 Guidance for Pharmacists* located at <https://commerce.health.ny.gov>. Enrolled pharmacy providers will be reimbursed for vaccine cost and administration when administered to eligible members. Pharmacies will bill NYRx using the National Council on Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) D.0 format.

For pharmacies participating in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, COVID-19 vaccine billing guidance for VFC-eligible members can be found in the NYS Medicaid Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet found by visiting the following website:

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/docs/phar_immun_fact.pdf.

For non-pharmacy providers, individual Medicaid Managed Care plans should be contacted for their specific reimbursement and billing guidance. Plan information can be found at:

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_transition/mcp/index.htm

Billing Instructions to NYRx with National Drug Codes (NDCs) - preferred method:

The NYS Medicaid Pharmacy List of Reimbursable Drugs will contain those vaccine NDCs which may be billed to NYRx. Pharmacies will enter the applicable NDC in NCPDP field 407-D7 (Product/Service ID). The full list can be found at: <https://www.emedny.org/info/formfile.aspx>.

Billing Instructions to NYRx with Procedure Codes:

Please see the NYS Medicaid Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet for stepwise billing instructions and procedure code information at the following website:

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/docs/phar_immun_fact.pdf.

Questions and Additional Information:

- NYS Executive Order regarding vaccine access found here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/executive-order/no-52-declaring-disaster-state-new-york-due-federal-actions-related-vaccine-access>
- NYS Vaccine Standing Orders are found here: https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/providers/standing_orders.htm
- NYSDOH notifications, including the several recent ones regarding COVID-19 administration at the pharmacy may be found at: <https://commerce.health.ny.gov>
- 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 Pharmacy Policy program at (518)486-3209 or by email at NYRx@health.ny.gov.