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This communication provides an update regarding New York State (NYS) Medicaid coverage of the COVID-19 vaccine administered to Vaccines For Children (VFC) eligible enrollees under 19 years of age. Effective October 6, 2025, NYS Medicaid will no longer reimburse for the cost of the COVID-19 vaccine for VFC eligible enrollees, only for the administration. To be reimbursed for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine supplied by or available through the VFC program, providers should follow the billing guidance found in the [New York State Medicaid Fee-for-Service Coverage for Vaccinations Administered by Providers](#) article published in the October 2024 issue of the *Medicaid Update*. If the COVID-19 vaccine was administered to a VFC eligible Medicaid enrollee from August 27, 2025 to October 5, 2025, during the time period the vaccine was not available through the VFC program, and denied for **Edit 01344 Procedure Code Modifier Missing**, Fee-for-Service claims will be reprocessed and no further action is required by the provider.

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.

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