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Effective October 5, 2026, following Executive Order No. 65 which declared a State Disaster Emergency due to an ongoing measles outbreak, New York State Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) will reimburse practitioners for the cost of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine or the measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (MMRV) vaccine when the vaccine is administered to Medicaid members under 19 years of age and not obtained through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. If the MMR/MMRV vaccine is **not** obtained through the VFC program, practitioners who administer the vaccine to a VFC eligible Medicaid member between October 5, 2026 and November 4, 2026 should follow the FFS billing guidance for Non-VFC program vaccines. If the claim is denied for ***Edit 01344*** *Procedure Code Modifier Missing*, these claims will be reprocessed, and no further action is required by the provider.

Practitioners who obtain the MMR/MMRV vaccine through the VFC program should continue to follow the billing guidance for VFC program vaccine administration (providers are reimbursed $25.10 for administration of vaccines obtained through the VFC program). NYS Medicaid FFS guidance for the reimbursement of vaccines administered to adults remains unchanged. NYS Medicaid FFS vaccine billing guidance for children and adults can be 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.

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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