Vaccine

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In making claim payment determinations, the health plan also uses coding terminology and methodologies based on accepted industry standards, including Current Procedural Terminology (CPT); the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS); and the International Classification of Diseases,10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), and other relevant sources. Other factors that may affect payment include medical record documentation, legislative or regulatory mandates, a provider's contract, a member's eligibility in receiving covered services, submission of clean claims, and other health plan policies, and other relevant factors. These factors may supplement, modify, or in some cases supersede reimbursement policies.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.

Policy Overview

This policy addresses both children and adult vaccines.

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program was established in 1993 to serve children defined as "federally vaccine eligible" under section 1928(b)(2), which includes both "uninsured" and "Medicaid eligible" children. States receive federal funding for reduced-price vaccines under this program. All children birth through 18 years of age (18 years + 365 days) or under 19 years who are covered by Medicaid are considered eligible because of their Medicaid status.

Exceptions

N/A

Reimbursement Guidelines

The Vaccines for Children program include vaccines which are used to prevent the diseases listed below:

Diphtheria	Mumps
Pertussis (whooping cough)	Hemophilus influenza type b
Pneumococcal disease	Hepatitis A
Poliomyelitis	Hepatitis B
Rotavirus	Human Papillomavirus
Rubella	Influenza
Tetanus	Measles
Varicella	Meningococcal disease
COVID-19	

Providers participating in the VFC program may be reimbursed for vaccine administration only.

Immunizations for adults

Reimbursement to providers is available for both the vaccine and the administration components for the following:

Chickenpox (Varicella)	Mumps
Diphtheria	Whooping Cough (Pertussis)
Flu (influenza)	Pneumococcal disease
Hepatitis A	RSV
Hepatitis B	Rubella
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	Measles
Meningococcal disease	COVID-19
Hemophilus influenza type b	Tetanus
Polio	

Definitions

N/A

Edit Sources

    I.   Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and associated publications and services.
   II.   International Classification of Diseases,10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10).
  III.   Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
  IV.   Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
   V.   https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/adult.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fvaccines%2Fschedules%2Fhcp%2Fadult.html.
  VI.   https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html
 VII.   Florida Medicaid Fee Schedule(s).

Attachments

N/A

Associated Policies

N/A

Policy History

06/2024	Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval
04/2024	Revised preamble
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