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HOSPITAL BILLING FOR COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION

This ForwardHealth Update addresses hospital billing for COVID-19 vaccine administration and COVID-19 vaccine products.

Hospital Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

For COVID-19 vaccines administered within a hospital, hospitals should not bill for vaccine administration on an institutional claim, whether electronically or on paper. Effective for dates of service on and after June 28, 2021, hospitals may not bill Current Procedural Terminology procedure codes for COVID-19 vaccine administration on institutional claims; such claims will be denied. Hospitals do not need to resubmit institutional claims for COVID-19 vaccine administration for dates of service before June 28, 2021.

COVID-19 vaccine administration should be billed separately on a professional claim by the professional who administered the vaccine. If the professional administering the COVID-19 vaccine cannot separately bill for services, the hospital may be listed as the rendering provider on

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BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

TO

Hospital Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

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the professional claim form. ForwardHealth reimburses vaccine administration based on a [maximum allowable fee](#).

This billing policy applies to currently covered codes for COVID-19 vaccine administration and will apply to additional COVID-19 vaccine administration codes that ForwardHealth may cover in the future. Following is a summary of billing policy for COVID-19 vaccine administration within hospitals:

- For dates of service from the effective dates of individual COVID-19 vaccine administration codes through June 27, 2021, a hospital may submit institutional claims or be listed as a rendering provider on professional claims for COVID-19 vaccine administration if the professional administering the COVID-19 vaccine cannot separately bill for services.
- Effective for dates of service on and after June 28, 2021, a hospital may **not** submit institutional claims for COVID-19 vaccine administration. A hospital may be listed as a rendering provider on professional claims if the professional administering the COVID-19 vaccine cannot separately bill for services.

Note: Administration of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine is not reimbursable for dates of service from April 13, 2021, through April 26, 2021.

As indicated in the January 2021 ForwardHealth Update (2021-01), titled "[COVID-19 Vaccine Billing and Reimbursement](#)," medical providers, such as physicians, clinics, and hospitals, should bill the BadgerCare Plus or Medicaid SSI HMO for members enrolled in an HMO. ForwardHealth should be billed for members who receive Medicaid fee-for-service.

Providers should use the Current Procedural Terminology procedure codes on claims for COVID-19 vaccine administration. Refer to the Attachment of this ForwardHealth Update.

Hospital Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Products

For COVID-19 vaccines administered within a hospital, hospitals can bill the **vaccine product** on an institutional claim, regardless of the date of service. Because the federal government is currently supplying the vaccine product to providers at no cost, ForwardHealth will reimburse the vaccine product

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at a \$0.00 amount. ForwardHealth will update its reimbursement policy for the vaccine product when it is no longer being provided through the federal government.

Resources

Additional information on related topics is available in the following ForwardHealth publications:

- Claim submission and reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccines: January 2021 Update (2021-01), titled "[COVID-19 Vaccine Billing and Reimbursement](#)"
- COVID-19-related diagnosis codes: February 2021 [Alert 033](#), titled "New COVID-19-Related Diagnosis Codes Available for Claims Submission"
- Clarifications of COVID-19 vaccine policy and coverage: March 2021 Update (2021-09), titled "[COVID-19 Vaccine Policy and Coverage Clarifications](#)"
- Expansion of COVID-19-related vaccine administration coverage to Tuberculosis-Related Medicaid and Family Planning Only limited benefit plans: May 2021 [Alert 040](#), titled "COVID-19 Vaccine and COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Coverage Under Tuberculosis-Related Medicaid and Family Planning Only Limited Benefit Plans"

COVID-19-related ForwardHealth Alerts and Updates are available on the [COVID-19: ForwardHealth News and Resources](#) page of the ForwardHealth Portal.

Documentation Retention

Providers are reminded that they must follow the documentation retention requirements per Wis. Admin. Code § [DHS 106.02\(9\)](#). Providers are required to produce or submit documentation, or both, to ForwardHealth upon request. Per Wis. Stat. § [49.45\(3\)\(f\)](#), providers of services shall maintain records as required by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for verification of provider claims for reimbursement. The Department of Health Services may audit such records to verify actual provision of services and the appropriateness and accuracy of claims. ForwardHealth may deny or recoup payment for services that fail to meet these requirements. Refusal to produce documentation may result in sanctions including, but not limited to, termination from the Medicaid program.

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Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This Update contains fee-for-service policy and applies to services members receive on a fee-for-service basis only. For managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Managed care organizations are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

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The ForwardHealth Update is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Medicaid Services within the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are administered by the Division of Public Health within DHS.

For questions, call Provider Services at 800-947-9627 or visit our website at www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/.

ATTACHMENT

Procedure Codes for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

Providers should use the Current Procedural Terminology procedure codes on claims for COVID-19 vaccine administration.

PROCEDURE CODE	DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER	EFFECTIVE FOR DATES OF SERVICE
0001A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; first dose	Pfizer	On and after December 11, 2020
0002A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; second dose	Pfizer	On and after December 11, 2020
0011A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage; first dose	Moderna	On and after December 18, 2020

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0031A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, adenovirus type 26 (Ad26) vector, preservative free, 5x10 ¹⁰ viral particles/0.5mL dosage, single dose	Johnson & Johnson	February 27, 2021 –April 13, 2021, and on and after April 27, 2021

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