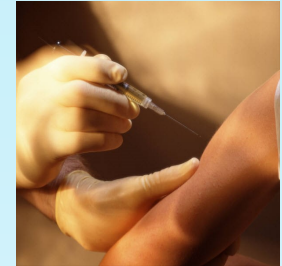


# IHCP *bulletin*

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## IHCP to reimburse pharmacy providers for COVID-19 vaccine administration

Effective immediately, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will reimburse IHCP-enrolled pharmacy providers for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccinations. This includes pharmacist-ordered COVID-19 vaccines administered by qualified pharmacists or pharmacist-supervised pharmacy interns or technicians. Vaccinations can be administered to all eligible IHCP members meeting vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) criteria and any additional requirements or limitations specified by the Indiana Department of Health or the Centers for disease Control and Prevention (CDC). See the [Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Guidance regarding Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness \(PREP\) Act Coverage](#).



### Pharmacy claim processing

COVID-19 vaccination reimbursement will be “carved-out” of managed care benefits. Pharmacy claims for managed care members should be submitted to the fee-for-service (FFS) pharmacy benefit manager (PBM), OptumRx, using the standard point-of-sale (POS) system or via paper pharmacy claims. Pharmacy claims submitted to managed care PBMs will be denied and should be redirected to OptumRx. See Table 1 for OptumRx POS claim submission codes.

*Table 1 – OptumRx claim submission codes*

BIN	001553
PCN	INM

COVID-19 vaccines are to be supplied free of charge, without copay, to all IHCP members. This includes members with IHCP plans that have limited pharmacy benefits, such as Family Planning Eligibility Program and Emergency Services Only. However, pharmacy COVID-19 vaccination claims for IHCP members who are dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid must be billed to the member’s Medicare plan provider.

Pharmacies must bill the POS National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) codes as presented in Table 2.

Pharmacies will not be paid dispensing fees for vaccines but may submit administration fees (incentive amounts) as described in Table 2.

*Table 2 – POS NCPDP codes and allowed amounts for vaccines*

	Professional Service Code (440-E5)	Service Clarification Code (SCC, 420-DK)	Incentive Amount (Administration Fee, 438-E3)	Basis of Cost (423-DN)	Ingredient Cost (409-D9)
<b>Two-Dose Vaccines</b>					
First Dose	MA	2	\$16.94	15	\$0.00 or \$0.01
Second Dose	MA	6	\$28.39	15	\$0.00 or \$0.01
<b>Single-Dose Vaccines</b>					
	MA	<blank>	\$28.39	15	\$0.00 or \$0.01

Changes are being made to the IHCP pharmacy claim-processing system. When completed, these changes will allow COVID-19 vaccination pharmacy claims, ordered by pharmacists, to be submitted using the pharmacist’s name and pharmacy’s National Provider Identifier (NPI), as prescriber. Until these changes are made, claims for vaccines ordered by pharmacists must be submitted under the Indiana Department of Health’s [Statewide Standing Order for the Administration of Vaccines](#), with Dr. Kristina M Box (NPI 1730161647) as the prescriber.



If a pharmacy claim is submitted for a member’s second vaccination dose with a National Drug Code (NDC) for a vaccine from a different manufacturer used with the first dose, the claim will be denied, requiring prior authorization (PA).

**Reminders**

Pharmacy providers administering COVID-19 vaccinations should instruct members receiving vaccines that require two doses to do the following:

- Use the same pharmacy for both vaccinations.
- Receive the second dose on the date specified by the manufacturer’s product labeling.

Pharmacists are also encouraged to remind their IHCP patients that the IHCP covers transportation to medical services under most benefit programs. If the member requires assistance in being transported for their vaccinations, members (or providers on behalf of members) can schedule transportation by calling the appropriate entity under which they are enrolled (see Table 3).

*Table 3 – Transportation scheduling for IHCP members*

Plan	Transportation Scheduling Phone Number
Anthem	1-866-408-6131
CareSource	1-844-607-2829
FFS (Southeastrans)	1-855-325-7586
MDwise	1-800-356-1204
MHS	1-877-647-4848

Similar updates regarding claims billed through the medical benefit for COVID-19 vaccinations will be published in an upcoming bulletin. Please direct PA requests and questions about COVID-19 vaccinations or this bulletin to the OptumRx Clinical and Technical Help Desk by calling toll-free 1-855-577-6317. Questions regarding all other pharmacy benefits for members in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Healthwise, and Hoosier Care Connect should be referred to the managed care entity (MCE) with which the member is enrolled.

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