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IHCP to cover COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 through 11

On Oct. 29, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the use of the Pfizer coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine for children ages 5 through 11 years old. The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) has received Current Procedural Terminology (CPT^{®1}) codes from the American Medical Association (AMA) for the vaccine and its administration.



Effective immediately, for dates of service (DOS) on and after **Oct. 29, 2021**, the IHCP will reimburse IHCP-enrolled providers for administration of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to children ages 5 through 11. As established

in *IHCP Bulletins* [BT2020129](#), [BT202102](#) and [BT202172](#), Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers and pharmacies will be allowed to bill the vaccine administration codes. Vaccinations can be administered to all eligible IHCP members meeting vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) criteria who are age 5 through 11 years old. There is a dosing interval of 21 days from the first dose to the second dose. Any additional requirements or limitations specified by the Indiana Department of Health or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) must also be met.

COVID-19 vaccination reimbursement is carved out of managed care benefits. Professional claims for managed care and fee-for-service (FFS) members should be submitted to the FFS claim-processing vendor, Gainwell Technologies. Pharmacy claims for managed care and FFS members should be submitted to the FFS pharmacy benefit manager, OptumRx, as announced in *BT202172*.

COVID-19 vaccines are to be supplied free of charge, without copay, to all IHCP members, including members in limited benefit categories, such as Emergency Services Only (ESO). 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.

The following code tables will be updated:

- *Revenue Codes With Special Procedure Code Linkages*
- *Physician-Administered Drugs Carved Out of Managed Care and Reimbursable Outside the Inpatient Diagnosis -Related Group (DRG)*
- *Transportation Services Codes*

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Table 1 – Newly covered procedure codes and reimbursement, effective for DOS on or after Oct.29, 2021

Procedure code	Description	Program coverage	PA required	Reimbursement notes
91307	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARSCoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs that serve ages 5 through 11	No	\$0.00* Linked to revenue code 636
0071A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARSCoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation; first dose	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs that serve ages 5 through 11	No	Max fee: \$37.21
0072A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARSCoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation; second dose	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs that serve ages 5 through 11	No	Max fee: \$37.21

* Providers should note that the vaccine is available at no charge to providers at this time. Therefore, the IHCP will pay at zero until further notice.

Updates to pharmacy claim processing

Effective immediately, the IHCP pharmacy benefit has made changes to its claim-processing system to reimburse for administration of COVID-19 vaccines authorized for children ages 5 through 11 years. As established in *IHCP Bulletins* [BT2020127](#) and [BT202118](#), this includes pharmacist-ordered vaccines administered by qualified pharmacists or pharmacist-supervised pharmacy interns and technicians.

Pharmacy providers must submit vaccine administration pharmacy claims using point-of-sale (POS) National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) codes 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)
Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for children ages 5 through 11 years					
First Dose	MA	2	\$37.21	15	\$0.00 or \$0.01
Second Dose	MA	6	\$37.21	15	\$0.00 or \$0.01

The member’s age must correspond to the EUA or FDA labeling of the COVID-19 vaccine dose administered. Pharmacy claims for doses that do not correspond to the EUA or FDA labeling for that dose will deny displaying NCPDP reject code 76 – *Plan Limitation Exceeded* and will provide additional messaging pertaining to the age limits.

Reminders

Pharmacy providers administering COVID-19 vaccinations should instruct members 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.

For more information

Please direct pharmacy-related questions about COVID-19 vaccinations or this bulletin to the OptumRx Clinical and Technical Help Desk by calling toll-free 855-577-6317.



Questions regarding all other pharmacy benefits for members in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Care Connect and Hoosier Healthwise should be referred to the managed care entity (MCE) with which the member is enrolled.

For information on nonpharmacy questions about COVID-19 vaccinations or this bulletin, contact Gainwell at 800-457-4584.

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