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IHCP to cover Novavax COVID-19 vaccine and administration

On July 13, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted [Emergency Use Authorization](#) (EUA) for the Novavax vaccine for the prevention of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) for adults 18 years of age and older.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) met to discuss and ultimately recommend Novavax COVID-19 vaccine for adults 18 years of age and older.

Effective immediately, for dates of service (DOS) on and after **July 13, 2022**, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will reimburse IHCP-enrolled providers for the administration of Novavax COVID-19 vaccine to members ages 18 years and older. See [Table 1](#) for details about newly added procedure codes for the vaccine and its administration. Prior authorization is not required.



As established in *IHCP Bulletins* [BT2020129](#), [BT202102](#) and [BT202172](#), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers and pharmacies will be allowed to bill for vaccine administration. Vaccinations can be administered to all eligible IHCP members meeting vaccine EUA criteria and ACIP age and dosing interval recommendations. Any additional requirements or limitations specified by the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) or CDC must also be met.

COVID-19 vaccination reimbursement is carved out of managed care benefits. Claims billed through the medical benefit (professional or outpatient 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 [BT2020127](#) and updated 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), Family Planning Eligibility Program and all Presumptive Eligibility (PE) benefit plans. 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.

This change will be reflected in the next regular update to the Professional Fee Schedule and the Outpatient Fee Schedule, accessible from the [IHCP Fee Schedules](#) page at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

Updates will also be made to the following code tables, accessible from the [Code Sets](#) page at in.gov/medicaid/providers:

- *Family Planning Eligibility Program Codes*
- *Physician-Administered Drugs Carved Out of Managed Care and Reimbursable Outside the Inpatient Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG)*
- *Preventive Care Services Excluded From Copayment for Healthy Indiana Plan and Presumptive Eligibility – Adult*
- *Revenue Codes With Special Procedure Code Linkages*
- *Transportation Services Codes*

Table 1 – New codes for COVID-19 vaccine administration, effective for DOS on or after July 13, 2022

Procedure code	Description	Program coverage	Reimbursement notes
91304	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (COVID-19) vaccine, recombinant spike protein nanoparticle, saponin-based adjuvant, preservative free, 5 mcg/0.5 mL dosage, for intramuscular use	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs	Max Fee: \$0* Allowed for Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH) Waiver providers (specialty 359) and Family Supports Waiver (FSW) providers (specialty 360) when billed with modifier U7 Linked to revenue code 636
0041A	Intramuscular administration of single severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (COVID-19) vaccine, recombinant spike protein nanoparticle, saponin-based adjuvant, preservative free, 5 mcg/0.5 mL dosage; first dose	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs	Max Fee: \$36.90 Allowed for FSW and CIH Waiver providers (specialties 359 and 360) when billed with modifier U7 Allowed for Ambulance providers (specialty 260) Linked to revenue code 636
0042A	Intramuscular administration of single severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (COVID-19) vaccine, recombinant spike protein nanoparticle, saponin-based adjuvant, preservative free, 5 mcg/0.5 mL dosage; second dose	Covered for all programs, including limited benefit programs	Max Fee: \$36.90 Allowed for FSW and CIH Waiver providers (specialties 359 and 360) when billed with modifier U7 Allowed for Ambulance providers (specialty 260) Linked to revenue code 636

* *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.*

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