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IHCP to expand age ranges for Novavax COVID-19 vaccine and administration procedure codes

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) announced in *IHCP Bulletin* [BT202267](#) reimbursement for the administration of the Novavax coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine for members ages 18 and older. On Aug. 19, 2022, Novavax [announced](#) that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had expanded the use of the Novavax coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine to include a two-dose primary immunization series for children 12 through 17 years of age. Pharmacy coverage for this expanded age group was announced in [BT202272](#).

Effective immediately, for dates of service (DOS) on and after **Aug. 19, 2022**, the IHCP will reimburse IHCP-enrolled medical providers for administration of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine to members ages 12 and older. [Table 1](#) reflects the new age requirements for the applicable Current Procedural Terminology (CPT^{®1}) procedure codes. All other billing and reimbursement guidance previously announced for these codes in *BT202267* remains unchanged.



As established in previous *IHCP Bulletins*, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers ([BT2020129](#)), pharmacy providers ([BT2020127](#), [BT202102](#)), and federally qualified health center (FQHC) and rural health clinic (RHC) providers ([BT202112](#)) are allowed to bill for vaccine administration. In addition, Family Supports Waiver (FSW) and Community Integration and Habilitation (CIH) Waiver providers ([BT202129](#)) are allowed to bill COVID-19 vaccine and administration codes, with modifier U7 appended. Vaccinations can be administered to all eligible IHCP members meeting vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) criteria and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (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. 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, following the instructions provided in *BT202272*.

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.

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Table 1 – Updated age range for COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration codes, effective for DOS on or after Aug. 19, 2022

HCPCS Code	Description	Reimbursement Notes
91304	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (COVID-19) vaccine, recombinant spike protein nanoparticle, saponin-based adjuvant, preservative free, 5 mcg/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use	Covered for members ages 12 years and older
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/0.5mL dosage; first dose	Covered for members ages 12 years and older
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/0.5mL dosage; second dose	Covered for members ages 12 years and older

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