

Here's what you need to know as a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network provider about the authorized and available COVID-19 vaccines.

Vaccine coverage

Two vaccines, manufactured by Pfizer and Moderna, have received Emergency Use Authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The vaccine itself will be paid for through funding authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for everyone. Providers should not bill for the cost of the vaccine for any free, government-provided vaccine products.

Commercial products: Blue Cross and BCN are covering vaccine administration with \$0 member cost share for all commercial plans.

Medicare Advantage products: Medicare pays directly for vaccine administration for Medicare Advantage beneficiaries with \$0 member cost share in 2020 and 2021.

COVID-19 vaccine administration billing

The CPT Editorial Panel has worked with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to create new vaccine administration codes that are both distinct to each COVID-19 vaccine and the specific dose in the required schedule. Providers can use these codes to bill for administering authorized vaccines:

- *0001A – Pfizer dose 1
- *0002A – Pfizer dose 2
- *0011A – Moderna dose 1
- *0012A – Moderna dose 2
- *0021A – AstraZeneca dose 1 (pending EUA approval)
- *0022B – AstraZeneca dose 2 (pending EUA approval)
- *0031A – Janssen (only 1 dose required) (pending EUA approval)

For commercial members: Providers should bill Blue Cross or BCN for administration of the vaccine using the appropriate codes.

For Medicare Advantage members: Submit claims for administering COVID-19 vaccines to Original Medicare. Medicare Advantage providers can refer to [Medicare Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Administration](#)** for more information on submitting claims. Some Medicare beneficiaries may not routinely carry their Medicare card. To locate a member's Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (Medicare number) without their card, use the Medicare Administrative Contractor provider portal.

Providers not already enrolled in Medicare, click [Enrollment for Administering COVID-19 Vaccine Shots](#)** for requirements.

Please see the [COVID-19 Vaccines and Monoclonal Antibodies](#)** site for the current list of vaccines and their corresponding billing codes and payment allowances for Medicare. For long, medium and short CPT code descriptors, please see the American Medical Association's [COVID-19 CPT vaccine and immunization codes](#)** page.

COVID-19 vaccines administered in a physician office or urgent care center

If a member visits a physician's office or urgent care center to only receive the vaccine, do not bill for an office visit.

Priorities for vaccination

Vaccine distribution began in mid-December. Per the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the vaccine will be distributed in phases beginning with health care personnel and expanding to eventually include the general population. Since these phases are subject to change, please see the *Priority Groups* section of the [MDHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Providers](#)** document for the latest information. Physicians are encouraged to review their patient panels to determine priority status and to consider outreach efforts to assist patients with selecting a vaccine location when they are eligible.

Additional information can be found in *Section 4: Critical Populations* of the [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Operational Guidance for Jurisdictions Playbook](#)**

Available vaccines and timing of administration

The two authorized vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) require two doses to be delivered a few weeks apart. It's crucial to follow the specified intervals by the manufacturer. More specific information can be found in the *Vaccine Administration* section of the [MDHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Providers](#)** document.

Distribution of vaccines

Providers need to be enrolled with the State of Michigan to administer the vaccines. MDHHS has sent out enrollment information to providers. Providers can also find information in the *Enrollment* section of the MDHHS [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Guidance & Educational Resources](#)** page.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is partnering with CVS and Walgreens to assist in administration of the vaccine to long-term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities and adult living facilities. Vaccines are distributed through normal vaccine distribution mechanisms directly to enrolled providers in appropriate phases.

Reporting COVID-19 vaccine administration

COVID-19 vaccination providers must report their vaccine inventory daily, document administration in their medical record systems within 24 hours of administration, and use their best efforts to report administration data to the relevant system for the jurisdiction as soon as practicable and no later than 72 hours after administration. Michigan providers should use the Michigan Care Improvement Registry. Read more on the CDC [COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Support](#)** page.

For your patients

During the vaccination process, you must provide:

- An Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) fact sheet or Vaccine Information Statement (VIS), as applicable, to each vaccine recipient/parent/legal guardian prior to

vaccination. Fact sheets are available on the [FDA website](#)** (see the *Drug and Biological Products* section).

- A COVID-19 vaccination record card to each vaccine recipient/parent/legal guardian. The card provides room for a written reminder for a second-dose appointment. Please see the *Patient Education & Adverse Event Reporting* section of the [MDHHS COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Providers](#)** document for details. Encourage patients to take a photo of this card with their smartphone and add the second dosage date in their calendar. Patients can also receive a text message reminder for their second dose. They can sign up through the [CDC v-safeSM after vaccination health checker tool](#)**. MDHHS is developing their text messaging system. MDHHS may also implement second-dose postcard reminders sent to patients.

Where to find more information

- From the CDC:
 - [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\): Vaccines](#)**
 - [COVID-19 Vaccination Training and Educational Materials](#)**
- [CMS COVID-19](#)**
- From the MDHHS:
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine](#)** (then click *Provider Guidance & Education*)
 - [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#)**
- [HHS Fact Sheet: Explaining Operation Warp Speed](#)**
- [MI Blues Perspectives COVID-19 Vaccines: What You Should Know](#)

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