

Provider Bulletin

Molina Healthcare of California

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Immunization Requirements APL 24-008

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers applicable to the Medi-Cal line of business.

This notification is based on All-Plan Letter (APL) 24-008, which can be found in full on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website at:

dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL%202024/APL24-008.pdf

What you need to know:

BACKGROUND

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued guidance on section 11405 of the Inflation Reduction Act which mandates Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to cover all approved adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and their administration, without cost sharing.

POLICY

MHC will ensure timely provision of immunizations to Members in accordance with the most recent schedule and recommendations published by ACIP, regardless of a Member's age, sex, or medical condition, including pregnancy.

MHC Network Providers must document each Member's need for ACIP-recommended immunizations as part of all regular health visits, including, but not limited to the following types of Encounters:

- Illness, care management, or follow-up appointments
- Initial Health Appointments (IHAs)
- Pharmacy services
- Prenatal and postpartum care
- Pre-travel visits
- Sports, school, or work physicals
- Visits to an LHD
- Well patient checkups

Provider Action

No provider action is required.



POLICY CONT.

As ACIP-recommended immunizations are viewed as preventive services, these services must not be subject to Prior Authorization. In instances where the Medi-Cal Provider Manual outlines immunization criteria that is less restrictive than ACIP criteria, MHC will provide the immunization in accordance with the less restrictive Medi-Cal Provider Manual criteria. MHC will ensure that initiating and administering immunizations as a pharmacist service are a reimbursable Medi-Cal benefit when rendered to an MHC Member in the outpatient pharmacy setting by a pharmacist who is trained and operating under a Board of Pharmacy protocol. The rendering pharmacist must be enrolled as an ordering, referring, and prescribing (ORP) Medi-Cal provider.

Health and Safety Code (H&S) section 12044014 requires that all California health care providers submit patient vaccination records to local health departments operating countywide or regional immunization information and reminder systems and the State Department of Public Health, as soon as possible. California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1746.4 (e) requires pharmacists to report the administration of any vaccine, within 14 days, to the appropriate immunization registry designated by the immunization branch of the California Department of Public Health which is represented by the California Immunization Registry (CAIR).

Effective January 1, 2023, Assembly Bill 1797 amended H&S section 120440 to require all California healthcare providers who administer vaccines to enter immunization information for each patient in the immunization registry and allows the information to be used to support assessment of health disparities in immunization coverage. MHC will ensure that Member-specific immunization information is reported to an immunization registry(ies) established in service areas as part of the Statewide Immunization Information System. Reports must be made within 14 calendar days, and in accordance with state and federal laws.

When this is happening:

Beginning October 1, 2023.

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