



Provider Newsflash



A fax bulletin for the Molina Healthcare of Washington Provider Network

Health Care Authority Updates COVID-19 Vaccine Billing Guidance & More (Medicaid)

Non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) for members

Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) pays for transportation services to and from needed non-emergency health care appointments. The COVID-19 vaccine is considered a covered service. If a Molina member you serve has a current ProviderOne Services Card, they may be eligible for transportation. Instruct members to call the transportation provider (broker) in their area to learn about services and limitations. A list of brokers can be found at hca.wa.gov/transportation-help.

Interpreter services support for members

Federal law requires providers to secure interpreter services for any Apple Health member who experiences trouble speaking or understanding English, or is Deaf, DeafBlind or Hard of Hearing.

HCA switched from using a single coordinating entity for all spoken and sign language interpreter requests to using a dedicated sign language contract managed by the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH). To request a sign language interpreter, providers must follow the ProviderOne Prior Authorization Request process and upload the ODHH Interpreter Request form into ProviderOne when they submit a request for an interpreter. This form replaces all other versions and is screen reader compatible.

For additional information about HCA's Interpreter Services Program and access to the request form, please visit:

- hca.wa.gov/about-hca/interpreter-services
- hca.wa.gov/about-hca/apple-health-medicaid/sign-language-interpreter-contract-transition

Rate & billing guidance

HCA's COVID-19 vaccine administration policy is available on the HCA website. As of February 15, 2021, HCA will match Medicare's published rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration:

- Single dose*: \$28.39
- Two dose**: Dose 1: \$16.94; Dose 2: \$28.39

**There are no single-dose vaccines currently authorized.*

***The two-dose tiered rate structure is designed to incentivize completion of the vaccine course.*

Use the following codes and corresponding rates when billing the vaccine:

CPT®/HCPCS Code	Short Description	Labeler	Rate
91300	SARSCOV2 VAC 30MCG/0.3ML IM	Pfizer	0
0001A	ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 1ST	Pfizer	\$16.94
0002A	ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 2ND	Pfizer	\$28.39
91301	SARSCOV2 VAC 100MCG/0.5ML IM	Moderna	0
0011A	ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML1ST	Moderna	\$16.94
0012A	ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML2ND	Moderna	\$28.39

Please check the HCA website on a regular basis for the most up-to-date information and for any new covered vaccine codes.

Pharmacy-Specific Guidance

Pharmacies may bill for COVID-19 vaccine administration when the performing provider is a pharmacist.

- For the fee-for-service program, bill as a HIPAA 837 transaction using the pharmacy billing taxonomy of 193200000X and include the place of service.
- For agency-contracted managed care organizations (MCOs), bill as a pharmacy point-of-sale transaction and follow NCPDP standards.

Pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns may administer the vaccine, but it must be billed under the supervising pharmacist's NPI as the performing provider. HCA is directing the MCOs to make this change as soon as possible, but no later than March 15, 2021. Please respond no later than Friday, February 19 with the expected date your systems can begin accepting these claims.

Important Note: Encounters submitted by MCOs for paid pharmacy claims will continue to reject when the NPI is not in ProviderOne. Rejections related to the COVID vaccine and administration will be allowed as a discrepancy item for the encounter data quarterly reconciliation. All other NPI rejections on pharmacy encounters will continue to be an unallowed discrepancy item. Any questions about this discrepancy and the reconciliation should be sent to HIPAA-HELP@hca.wa.gov.

Any questions or concerns please contact HCA pharmacy team at AppleHealthPharmacyPolicy@hca.wa.gov and cc the HCA MCO mailbox.

For further information, visit Molina Healthcare's COVID-19 provider resource page at MolinaHealthcare.com/providers/wa/medicaid/comm/COVID-19.aspx.