

Title 23: Division of Medicaid

Part 224: Immunizations

Part 224 Chapter 1: General

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- B. Providers who administer vaccines must:
 - 1. Be enrolled as a Mississippi Medicaid provider.
 - 2. Operate within their scope of practice.
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 - 1. Must participate in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program administered by the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH).
 - 2. Comply with all federal and state laws and MSDH guidelines and requirements of the VFC program.
 - 3. Exceptions to this rule are for:
 - a) Obstetricians administering the tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine to pregnant or postpartum beneficiaries.
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- E. The Division of Medicaid defers to the Mississippi's professional medical, pharmacy and nursing licensure boards for ancillary staff requirements for vaccine administration unless Federal law allows for less restrictive requirements.

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- C. Ten (10) to eighteen (18) years of age when administered by a pharmacist employed by a pharmacy provider enrolled as a VFC provider through the point-of-sale pharmacy billing venue.
- D. Nineteen (19) years of age and older when administered by a physician or non-physician practitioner or a pharmacist who is employed by a pharmacy provider through the medical and point-of-sale pharmacy billing venue.
- E. Of any age, for vaccines not listed on the CDC recommended Immunization Schedules required for travel outside of the United States, with prior authorization.

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Rule 1.4: Non-Covered Services

The Division of Medicaid does not cover the administration of additional components in a combination vaccine separately if ACIP recommends a combination vaccine available through the VFC program.

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Rule 1.5: Reimbursement

A. The Division of Medicaid reimburses the lessor of the provider's usual and customary charge or a fee from the Mississippi Medicaid fee schedule:

- 1. Physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants:
 - a) For vaccines available through the VFC program administered to beneficiaries eighteen (18) years of age and younger by VFC enrolled providers:
 - (1) The administration fee for each single or combination vaccine administered.
 - (2) No additional reimbursement for the cost of the vaccine.
 - (3) An administration fee in addition to an Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) visit or physician office visit only when a separately identifiable service is provided at the time of the vaccine administration.
 - b) For the tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine administered by an

obstetrician to pregnant or postpartum beneficiaries eighteen (18) years or younger per ACIP's recommendations regardless of VFC enrollment:

- (1) An administration fee for the Tdap combination vaccine.
- (2) A fee for the cost of the vaccine(s) as listed on the vaccine Medicaid fee schedule.

c) For vaccines administered to beneficiaries nineteen (19) years of age and older:

- (1) An administration fee for each single or combination vaccine if recommended by ACIP.
- (2) A fee for the cost of the vaccine(s) as listed on the medical vaccine Medicaid fee schedule.

2. Pharmacy providers:

a) For vaccines available through the VFC program administered to beneficiaries ten (10) to eighteen (18) years of age by VFC enrolled pharmacy providers:

- (1) The administration fee for each single or combination vaccine if recommended by ACIP.
- (2) No additional reimbursement for the cost of the vaccine(s).
- (3) No professional dispensing fee is paid for vaccine administration.

b) For vaccines administered to beneficiaries nineteen (19) years of age and older:

- (1) An administration fee, the same fee as for a primary care physician, for each single or combination vaccine if recommended by ACIP.
- (2) A fee for the cost of the vaccine(s) as listed on the pharmacy vaccine Medicaid fee schedule. The allowable ingredient cost is based on the Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) +0%.
- (3) No professional dispensing fee is paid for vaccine administration.

c) Because vaccines are not classified as outpatient drugs:

- (1) Vaccines will not be included in the pharmacy prescription limit.
- (2) Copays will not be charged to beneficiaries.

3. A Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Rural Health Clinic (RHC), or MSDH clinic the cost of a vaccine and vaccine administration as part of an encounter.

4. A long-term care facility for Medicaid beneficiaries when facility staff administers a vaccine:
 - a) For vaccines available through the VFC program administered to beneficiaries eighteen (18) years of age or younger, the administration is reimbursed as part of the facility's per diem rate as routine nursing services on the cost report. There is no additional reimbursement for the cost of the vaccine.
 - b) For vaccines administered to beneficiaries nineteen (19) years of age and older:
 - (1) The administration is reimbursed as part of the facility's per diem rate as routine nursing services on the cost report.
 - (2) The cost of the vaccine in the per diem rate as reported as an allowable cost on the cost report.
 - c) The long-term care facility cannot claim vaccine costs on the cost report if an outside provider administers a vaccine.
5. An outside provider for Medicaid only beneficiaries in a long-term care facility when an outside provider administers a vaccine:
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B. The Division of Medicaid does not reimburse for:

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Rule 1.6: Documentation

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