

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

**COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes
Are Now Benefits of Medicaid and CHIP**

Key Details:

Effective for dates of service on or after April 18, 2023, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s amended emergency use authorizations for the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, vaccine administration procedure codes 0121A, 0141A, 0142A, 0151A, 0171A, and 0172A are benefits for Medicaid and CHIP.

The procedure codes are applicable for the following ages:

- Procedure code 0121A is for the administration of the first dose of the bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to individuals who are 12 years of age or older.
- Procedure codes 0141A and 0142A are for the administration of the first and second dose of the bivalent Moderna vaccine to individuals who are 6 months through 11 years of age.
- Procedure code 0151A is for the administration of the first dose of the bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to individuals who are 5 years through 11 years of age.
- Procedure codes 0171A and 0172A are for the administration of the first and second dose of the bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to individuals who are 6 months through 4 years of age.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will cover procedure codes 0121A, 0141A, 0142A, 0151A, 0171A, and 0172A as non-risk payments. As referenced in the notice titled “Update on Reimbursement for Non-Risk Criteria for COVID-19 and CHIP Copay Waiver” published on June 8, 2023, the NRP COVID-19 reimbursement criteria will have an end date of service of August 31, 2023.

Vaccine procedure codes 91312, 91314, 91315, and 91317 will remain informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.

Procedure codes 0121A, 0141A, 0142A, 0151A, 0171A, and 0172A are benefits of Medicaid and CHIP for the following providers and places of service:

Place of Service	Provider Type
Office	Physician Assistant (PA), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Physician, Pharmacist, Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHCs), Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), Pharmacy

Place of Service	Provider Type
Home	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, Home Health Agency, Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) Provider
Outpatient Hospitals	FQHCs, Hospitals, Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Renal Dialysis Facility, RHCs
Other Locations	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, FQHCs, CCP Provider, RHCs

Note: Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and rural health clinics (RHCs) may only be reimbursed separately for these COVID-19 vaccine administration procedure codes from April 18, 2023, to May 11, 2023.

As of April 18, 2023, procedure code M0201 (COVID-19 vaccine administration inside a patient's home) may be billed in the home setting with procedure code 0121A, 0141A, 0142A, 0151A, 0171A, or 0172A.

Procedure code G0315 cannot be billed on the same day by the same provider as procedure code 0121A, 0141A, 0142A, 0151A, 0171A, or 0172A.

Managed care organizations (MCOs) must reprocess affected claims submitted with these procedure codes and date of service on or after April 18, 2023. Providers are not required to appeal the claims unless they are denied for additional reasons after the claims reprocessing is complete. Providers may bill MCOs retroactively for COVID-19 vaccine administration codes 0121A, 0141A, 0142A, 0151A, 0171A, and 0172A.

Providers in MCO networks interested in enrolling as a COVID-19 vaccinator should visit www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/provider-information.aspx for more information.

Action:

MCOs must update their systems and processes to reflect these code updates and inform impacted providers in the MCO's provider network about the code updates.

Resources:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Authorizes Changes to Simplify Use of Bivalent mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines | FDA](https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-changes-to-simplify-use-of-bivalent-mrna-covid-19-vaccines)

Questions?

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