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COVID-19 Billing and Coding Guidance

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MaineCare is covering COVID-19 testing, diagnosis, treatment, and vaccine administration for the following populations:

- MaineCare members with full MaineCare coverage.
- MaineCare members who are covered through MaineCare’s Special Benefits Waiver
- MaineCare members who are in the prisoner inpatient, limited family planning, and the pregnancy presumptive eligibility categories (also known as “pregnancy-related coverage”)
- Uninsured Maine residents who have applied for and been made eligible for [MaineCare’s coverage for uninsured individuals](#)*

The vaccine is available to these individuals at no cost to them. Providers cannot charge individuals for COVID-19 vaccination, regardless of insurance status.

A full list of covered testing, diagnostic, treatment, and vaccine administration, with effective dates, can be found [online](#). This list will be updated as codes are added or changed. Providers will be notified by e-message when there are updates.

For more information about covered services related to COVID-19, including testing, for individuals who receive the Emergency MaineCare benefit, please review our associated [guidance](#).

*Please note that coverage for treatment and vaccine administration for uninsured individuals is effective for dates of service starting March 11, 2021.

MaineCare COVID-19 Coverage During the Federal Public Health Emergency (PHE)

Until the end of the last day of the quarter that the federal PHE ends, MaineCare will cover any COVID-19 testing and vaccine administration code approved under an FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for COVID-19. As examples, that includes serology tests and monoclonal antibody treatment when used according to the EUA.

As a reminder, during normal non-PHE times, per Chapter I of the *MaineCare Benefits Manual*, “experimental procedures or drugs not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)” are considered non-covered services and are not reimbursable by MaineCare.

Below, please find guidance regarding coverage for COVID-19 testing, monoclonal antibody treatment, and vaccine administration.

COVID-19 Tests

Please be sure to subscribe to receive updates through the CDC's Health Alert Network System, as testing and other guidance may change.

MaineCare will update this guidance and notify providers if there are any changes to the coverage of and reimbursement for testing and testing-related services.

Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Treatment

Monoclonal antibody products are government supplied and must be billed with the SL modifier. Monoclonal antibody infusion codes are covered by MaineCare as they receive EUAs from the FDA and are updated in our system. Providers are required to follow the EUA requirements for use. Please see the [COVID-19 Billing Codes](#) document for the monoclonal antibody treatment codes covered by MaineCare with their respective effective dates.

Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Resources for Providers:

- [Fact sheet for healthcare providers on the EUA of Bamlanivimab \(Revoked\)](#)
- [Fact sheet for healthcare providers on the EUA of Casirivimab and Imdevimab](#)
- [Fact sheet for healthcare providers on the EUA of Bamlanivimab and Etesevimab](#)
- [Fact sheet for healthcare providers on the EUA of Sotrovimab](#)
- [Fact sheet for healthcare providers on the EUA of Actemra \(tocilizumab\)](#)

COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccine products are government supplied and must be billed with the SL modifier. COVID-19 vaccine codes are covered by MaineCare as they receive EUA from the FDA and are updated in our system. Providers are required to follow the EUA requirements for use and must enter into a [Maine Centers for Disease Control \(ME CDC\) COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement](#) to submit claims for COVID-19 vaccine product and administration. Please see the Maine CDC's [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Portal](#) for the vaccine agreement. Please see the [COVID-19 Billing Codes](#) document for the COVID-19 vaccine administration codes covered by MaineCare with their respective effective dates.

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources for Providers:

- [EUA Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet for healthcare providers](#)
- [EUA Moderna COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet for healthcare providers](#)
- [EUA Johnson & Johnson, Janssen COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet for healthcare providers](#)

- [Maine Centers for Disease Control \(ME CDC\) COVID-19 Vaccine Providers Portal](#)
- [United States CDC \(US CDC\) COVID-19 vaccination guidance for healthcare professionals](#)

ICD-10 References

To assist with documenting and tracking diagnosis codes, providers should adhere to [CDC guidelines](#) for COVID-19 claims coding.

MaineCare coverage for uninsured individuals' COVID-19 testing, testing-related services, treatment, and vaccine administration is limited by the diagnosis codes on claims. Please review the MaineCare [COVID-19 Billing Codes](#) document for additional information.

Split Billing for Non-Covered Services

Covered services (CPT/HCPC codes, revenue codes, and diagnosis codes) should be billed separately from any other non-covered services that are provided at the time of appointment. Current form type [billing instructions](#) are used. If you do not split bill, your Remittance Advice (RA) may show lines for non-covered services paid at zero dollars, which would require you to adjust off charges that can be billed elsewhere.

If you have any questions, please contact your [Provider Relations Specialist](#).