



## Office of MaineCare Services COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Guidance *Updated April 29, 2021*

This document summarizes MaineCare's coverage of COVID-19 vaccine administration and product, reimbursement rates, and covered populations.

Please note that a provider administering a COVID-19 vaccine to a MaineCare member must be enrolled with both MaineCare and the Maine Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Providers must comply with all CDC requirements with respect to record-keeping, vaccine handling, and vaccine administration.

### **Enrolling with the Maine CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Portal**

The Maine CDC launched the [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Portal](#), where providers can enroll to administer COVID-19 vaccines. The portal includes information on provider enrollment requirements, FAQs, checklists, and resources on vaccine storage and handling. Providers should email [C19Vaccine.MECDC@Maine.gov](mailto:C19Vaccine.MECDC@Maine.gov) if they have questions regarding vaccine planning.

### **Covered Populations**

The COVID-19 vaccine is a covered benefit for:

- Full MaineCare members
- Members who are covered through MaineCare's Special Benefits Waiver
- 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 the COVID-19 vaccination, regardless of insurance status.

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

### **Non-Covered Populations**

Providers who administer a licensed or authorized COVID-19 vaccine to individuals enrolled in emergency MaineCare can request reimbursement through the federal Health Resources &

Services Administration (HRSA). For more information on this process and the availability of funds, please visit HRSA's [website](#). For more guidance about vaccine coverage for uninsured individuals or those with limited Medicaid benefits, please see CMS' [website](#).

## **MaineCare Benefits Manual (MBM) Policy Sections**

Providers who administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a MaineCare member shall bill in accordance with the requirements of the section of the MBM under which the provider is enrolled and shall comply with all other requirements under their section. COVID-19 vaccination product and administration codes have been added to contracts in the following sections:

- Section 3: School Health Clinics Services
- Section 5: Ambulance Services
- Section 7: Free-Standing Dialysis Services
- Section 9: Indian Health Services
- Section 14: Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Services
- Section 31: Federally Qualified Health Center Services
- Section 40: Home Health Services
- Section 45: Hospital Services
- Section 80: Pharmacy Services
- Section 90: Physician Services
- Section 103: Rural Health Clinic Services

## **Specific Guidance for Providers of Sections 3, and 80 Services**

### **Section 3, School Health Clinic Services**

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for individuals sixteen years of age and older. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccines have received EUA for individuals eighteen years of age and older. Currently, there are no COVID-19 vaccines that have received EUA for children less than sixteen years of age.

### **Section 80, Pharmacy Services Provider Billing/Claims Guidance**

Please note that MaineCare will not reimburse pharmacies for vaccine administration costs if they are being reimbursed through a separate arrangement with another payer.

Please refer to the most recent version of Section 6.2.1 of the [NCPDP Emergency Preparedness Guidance](#) (version 1.8) for examples and additional guidance on billing for reimbursement of a free product.

In general, claims submitted for zero-cost vaccines should be submitted on a single B1/B3 billing transaction including the following data elements and values:

- Quantity Dispensed (**442-E7**) Moderna: NDC 80777027310 and 80777027399, value = 0.5 mL Pfizer: NDC 59267100001, 59267100002 and 59267100003, value= 0.3 mL Johnson & Johnson/Janssen: NDC 59676058005 and 59676058015, value =0.5 mL
- Professional Service Code (**440-E5**) “MA” (Medication Administered)
- Submission Clarification Codes (**SCC, 420-DK**) First Dose=2, Second Dose=6
- Incentive Amount (administration fee, (**438-E3**))
- Basis of Cost (**423-DN**) Ingredient Cost (**409- D9**) “15” (free product or no associated cost) \$0.00 or \$0.01
- Gross Amount Due (**430-DU**) Include "Incentive Amount" submitted for the administration fee and zero cost of the vaccine

Pharmacy providers administering COVID-19 vaccinations should instruct members receiving vaccines that require two doses to do the following:

- Use the same pharmacy for both vaccinations
- Receive the second dose on the date specified by the manufacturer’s product labeling

**Two-Dose Vaccines:** The Submission Clarification Code (420-DK) field should be used to differentiate which dose is being administered to allow proper reimbursement. This guidance applies regardless of whether the same provider or different providers administer the series of doses.

**Single-Dose Vaccines:** No Submission Clarification Code is required for a single-dose product.

For pharmacy questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-888-420-9711. MaineCare providers can also send inquiries via email to [PBA\\_helpdesk@changehealthcare.com](mailto:PBA_helpdesk@changehealthcare.com).

### COVID-19 Vaccination Rates and Codes

Please review the following charts for COVID-19 vaccination product and administration rates and codes that are in effect at the time of this guidance (April 29, 2021).

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Information and Rates Effective 12/11/20 – 12/31/20					
Vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)	Code Effective Date	First Dose Administration Code	Second Dose Administration Code	First Dose Rate	Second Dose Rate
Pfizer-BioNTech	12/11/20	0001A	0002A	\$16.94	\$28.39
Moderna	12/18/20	0011A	0012A	\$16.94	\$28.39

**COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Information and Rates Effective 1/1/21 –3/14/21**

<b>Vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)</b>	<b>Code Effective Date</b>	<b>First Dose Administration Code</b>	<b>Second Dose Administration Code</b>	<b>First Dose Rate</b>	<b>Second Dose Rate</b>
Pfizer-BioNTech	12/11/20	0001A	0002A	\$15.87	\$26.21
Moderna	12/18/20	0011A	0012A	\$15.87	\$26.21
Johnson & Johnson/Janssen**	2/27/21	0031A	One dose Vaccine	\$26.21	One dose Vaccine

**COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Information and Rates Effective 3/15/21 – Current**

<b>Vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)</b>	<b>Code Effective Date</b>	<b>First Dose Administration Code</b>	<b>Second Dose Administration Code</b>	<b>First Dose Rate</b>	<b>Second Dose Rate</b>
Pfizer-BioNTech	12/11/20	0001A	0002A	\$37.29	\$37.29
Moderna	12/18/20	0011A	0012A	\$37.29	\$37.29
Johnson & Johnson/Janssen**	2/27/21	0031A	One dose Vaccine	\$37.29	One dose Vaccine

**COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information**

<b>Vaccine Emergency Use Authorization</b>	<b>Code Effective Date</b>	<b>COVID-19 Vaccine Product Code</b>	<b>Billing Guidance</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Pfizer-BioNTech	12/11/20	91300	SL Modifier Required	\$0 Government Supplied
Moderna	12/18/20	91301	SL Modifier Required	\$0 Government Supplied
Johnson & Johnson/Janssen**	2/27/21	91303	SL Modifier Required	\$0 Government Supplied

\*\* MaineCare paused coverage of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine from April 13, 2021 to April 22, 2021, prompted by the pause in usage recommended by the [United States Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\)](#), [United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), and the [Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention \(ME CDC\)](#).

At this time roster billing is not available. Providers will be notified if MaineCare is able to accommodate roster billing at a future date.

## **Provider Fact Sheets**

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Emergency Use Authorization Healthcare Provider Fact Sheets:**

- Pfizer-BioNTech: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144413/download>
- Moderna: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144637/download>
- Johnson & Johnson/Janssen: <https://www.fda.gov/media/146304/download>

## **Additional Information**

Providers and the public are also encouraged to visit the Office of the Governor's [COVID-19 vaccine webpage](#) for information.

For information on free transportation options for Mainers who do not have reliable transportation to get to their vaccination appointments, please review [MaineCare's guidance](#) about this service.

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