

Provider Memorandum

Important Information Regarding Vaccines for Children

Molina Healthcare of Illinois (Molina) is informing providers of the following changes to vaccination billing requirements effective with dates of service beginning September 1, 2019:

- Providers will be required to use vaccine acquired through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program for all children ages 0 through 18.
- Providers will no longer be reimbursed for the cost of privately purchased vaccines for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and state-only funded children if the vaccine is available through the VFC program.
- Providers should submit claims using the appropriate CPT code for the vaccine provided.
- Molina will reimburse practitioners, local health departments and school-based linked health centers for the \$6.40 vaccine administrative fee.
- Claims with dates of service prior to September 1, 2019, will continue to be processed based on the child's Title program.
- Children's vaccine history should be assessed and updated during each sick child and wellness visit.

Obstetrics and Gynecology Providers

Providers who do not routinely administer vaccinations, such as those in obstetrics and gynecology practices, and are, therefore, not enrolled in the VFC Program, may bill for the Gardasil® vaccine provided to patients age 9 through 20 by using CPT 90649 or 90651 with the modifier SL. Using the SL modifier will indicate that the provider is being reimbursed by Molina for the vaccine. The vaccines will be paid according to the maximum rate on the fee schedule.

Vaccines Unavailable through the VFC Program

For private stock vaccines that have never been available through VFC and administered to any child regardless of eligibility type, Molina will continue to reimburse the medically necessary vaccine at the lesser of charges or the rate shown in the *State Max* column in the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) Practitioner Fee Schedule. Providers should bill the vaccine code only. The administrative cost of obtaining the vaccine is not reimbursable.

Physicians and Practitioners Example 1

A well-child examination and routine vaccinations are administered in a setting other than an encounter rate clinic.

- Bill the examination/visit using the appropriate CPT procedure code.
- Bill the specific vaccine procedure code for the vaccine obtained through the VFC program.
- Bill the private stock vaccine procedure code for vaccines not offered through the VFC program.

Procedure Code	Description	Reimbursement Rate
99xxx	Evaluation and management Code	Per Practitioner Fee Schedule
90xxx	Specific vaccine code for the vaccine obtained through the VFC program	Per fee schedule Unit Price field
90xxx	Specific non-VFC vaccine code (if applicable)	Per fee schedule State Max field

Physicians and Practitioners Example 2

A child presents solely to receive a vaccine in a setting other than an encounter rate clinic. The salaried staff member administers the vaccine obtained through the VFC program and/or private stock vaccine.

- Bill the appropriate outpatient visit for evaluation and management not requiring the presence of a physician.
- Bill the specific vaccine procedure code for the vaccine obtained through the VFC program.
- Bill the private stock vaccine procedure code for vaccines not offered through the VFC program.

Procedure Code	Description	Reimbursement Rate
99211	Evaluation and management Code	Per Practitioner Fee Schedule
90xxx	Specific vaccine code for the vaccine obtained through the VFC program	Per fee schedule Unit Price field
90xxx	Specific non-VFC vaccine code (if applicable)	Per fee schedule State Max field

Molina Reimbursement for Encounter Rate Centers

Providers should bill the vaccine obtained through the VFC program:

- As part of a billable visit with the medical encounter procedure code T1015 or with the wellness visit procedure code S5190, if the visit is for the injection only.
- FQHCs, RHCs and ERCs do not receive the additional \$6.40 as reimbursement is included in the encounter rate.
- Children's vaccine history should be assessed and updated during each sick child and wellness visit.

To ensure correct claim submission and reimbursement, verify a child's eligibility status through the HFS MEDI system.

Encounter Rate Centers Example 1

A well-child examination and routine vaccines obtained through the VFC program are administered in an encounter rate clinic setting. The exam meets the definition of a billable encounter.

- First service line: Bill the T1015, medical encounter rate procedure code.
- Second service line: Bill the appropriate level evaluation and management procedure code.
- Subsequent service line(s): Bill the specific vaccine procedure code for the vaccine obtained through the VFC program.

Procedure Code	Description	Reimbursement Rate
T1015	All-inclusive clinic/visit medical encounter	Provider specific medical encounter rate
99xxx	Evaluation and management Code	\$0
90xxx	Specific vaccine code for the vaccine obtained through the VFC program	\$0

Encounter Rate Centers Example 2

A well-child examination and routine vaccines obtained through the VFC program, as well as private stock vaccines (not offered through VFC), are administered in an encounter rate clinic setting. The exam meets the definition of a billable encounter.

- First service line: Bill the T1015 medical encounter rate procedure code.
- Second service line: Bill the appropriate level evaluation and management procedure code.
- Third service line: Bill the specific vaccine procedure code for the vaccine obtained through the VFC program.
- Fourth service line: Bill the private stock vaccine procedure code for vaccines that have never been offered through VFC

Procedure Code	Description	Reimbursement Rate
T1015	All-inclusive clinic/visit medical encounter	Provider-specifics medical encounter rate
99xxx	Evaluation and management Code	\$0
90xxx	Specific vaccine code for the vaccine obtained through the VFC program	\$0
90xxx	Specific private stock vaccine code	\$0

Encounter Rate Centers Example 3

A patient presents solely to receive a vaccine obtained through the VFC program at an encounter rate clinic. A salaried staff member administers the VFC-obtained vaccine. The visit does not qualify as a billable encounter.

- First service line: Bill the S5190, Wellness Assessment encounter procedure code.
- Second service line: Bill the specific vaccine procedure code(s) for the vaccine(s) obtained through the VFC program as detail procedure code(s)

Procedure Code	Description	Reimbursement Rate
S5190	Wellness Assessment performed by Non-Physician	\$0
90xxx	Specific VFC-provided vaccine code	\$0

Encounter Rate Centers Example 4

A patient presents solely to receive a routine private stock vaccine (not offered through VFC) at an encounter rate clinic. A salaried staff member administers the vaccine. The visit does not qualify as a billable encounter.

- Bill the private stock vaccine procedure code for vaccines that have never been offered through VFC.

Procedure Code	Description	Reimbursement Rate
S5190	Wellness Assessment performed by Non-Physician	\$0
90xxx	Specific private stock vaccine code	\$0

Questions

Providers who have questions, concerns or would like additional training, including how to use the Molina Provider Portal, may contact their provider network managers or email the Provider Network Management Department, at MHILProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com.

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