

Vaccine and Vaccine Administration at Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act

During the period starting March 11, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act):

Coverage

 X The state assures coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and administration of the vaccines.¹

 X The state assures that such coverage:

1. Is provided to all eligibility groups covered by the state, including the optional Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services, Individuals with Tuberculosis, and COVID-19 groups if applicable, with the exception of the Medicare Savings Program groups and the COBRA Continuation Coverage group for which medical assistance consists only of payment of premiums; and
2. Is provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing pursuant to section 1916(a)(2)(H) and section 1916A(b)(3)(B)(xii) of the Act; reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage is not reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise be applicable under the state plan.

 X Applies to the state's approved Alternative Benefit Plans, without any deduction, cost sharing or similar charge, pursuant to section 1937(b)(8)(A) of the Act.

 X The state provides coverage for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to §§1902(a)(11), 1902(a)(43), and 1905(hh) of the Act.

 X The state assures compliance with the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act declarations and authorizations, including all of the amendments to the declaration, with respect to the providers that are considered qualified to prescribe, dispense, administer, deliver and/or distribute COVID-19 vaccines.

Additional Information (Optional):

¹ The vaccine will be claimed under this benefit once the federal government discontinues purchasing the vaccine.

Reimbursement

 X The state assures that the state plan has established rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for all qualified providers pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

List Medicaid state plan references to payment methodologies that describe the rates for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration for each applicable Medicaid benefit.

COVID-19 vaccine administration rates are described on page 90dd and, for non-FQHC Tribal facilities specifically, on page 90ff, of Disaster Relief SPA 20-0040. Vaccine administration rates for Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, and tribal FQHCs are described on page 90jjj of SPA 21-0020. Disaster Relief authority for COVID-19 vaccine administration rates and methodologies on page 90ff of SPA 20-0040 and in SPA 21-0020 was rescinded in SPA 22-0067 and permanent 4.19-B authority for these same methodologies was approved in SPA 22-0067-A.

 X The state is establishing rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

 X The state's rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are consistent with Medicare rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines, including any future Medicare updates at the:

- X Medicare national average, OR
 Associated geographically adjusted rate.

 X The state is establishing a state specific fee schedule for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location:

<https://mcweb.apps.prd.cammis.medi-cal.ca.gov/rates>

Effective June 8, 2021, COVID-19 vaccine administration rate will be paid at the rate established by SPA 20-0040 plus an add-on rate of \$35 rate, up to five times, when administered to more than one individual at in-home settings include, but are not limited to, smaller group homes, assisted living facilities, and other group living situations, until the last day of the ARP effective period. Providers who are paid encounter rates will receive their applicable encounter rates when they provide this service and do not receive the add-on rate of \$35.

The state is extending the COVID-19 (non-Tribal) FFS vaccine administration rate established in SPA 20-0040 from the first day after the PHE to last day of the ARP effective period.

☒ The state's fee schedule is the same for all governmental and private providers.

☐ The below listed providers are paid differently from the above rate schedules and payment to these providers for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are described under the benefit payment methodology applicable to the provider type:

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☐ The payment methodologies for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for providers listed above are described below:

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☒ The state is establishing rates for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E), 1905(r)(1)(B)(v) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

☒ The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location:

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COVID-19 vaccine counseling-only visits for children and adults are paid at Medi-Cal rates, effective March 11, 2021. There is no limit on the number of counseling sessions a child may receive annually. COVID-19 vaccine counseling-only service may be billed under the following CPT codes from March 11, 2021, through September 30, 2022:

99202 at a rate of \$34.30
 99203 at a rate of \$57.20
 99204 at a rate of \$68.90
 99205 at a rate of \$82.70
 99212 at a rate of \$11.41
 99213 at a rate of \$24.00
 99214 at a rate of \$37.50
 99215 at a rate of \$57.20

<https://mcweb.apps.prd.cammis.medi-cal.ca.gov/rates>

Effective October 1, 2022, providers may bill the following COVID-19 vaccine counseling-only CPT codes:

G0314 at a rate of \$37.50
 G0315 at a rate of \$18.10

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), including Tribal FQHCs, Tribal 638 Clinics, and Rural Health Centers, will receive their Prospective Payment System (PPS)/Alternative Payment methodology (APM), or All-Inclusive Rate, as applicable, for vaccine counseling-only visits for children and adults for COVID-19 when provided by a billable provider.

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