



INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2443-MC-FFS

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TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospital, Physician MD, Physician DO, Rural Health Clinic (RHC), Clinic, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC), Certified Nurse Midwife, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant, Area Education Agency (AEA), Local Education Agency (LEA), Pharmacies, Family Planning, Screening Centers, Maternal Health Centers, Public Health Agencies, Independent Labs

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Iowa Medicaid

RE: Monkeypox Vaccine and Testing

EFFECTIVE: July 26, 2022

On July 23, 2022, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared monkeypox a public health emergency (PHE). On August 4, 2022, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a monkeypox PHE. Iowa Medicaid is covering monkeypox laboratory tests and vaccine administration in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

Iowa Medicaid has opened the following current procedural terminology (CPT) codes to reimburse providers with dates of service on or after July 26, 2022:

Procedure Code	Description
87593	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); orthopoxvirus [e.g., monkeypox virus, cowpox virus, vaccinia virus], amplified probe technique
90611	smallpox and monkeypox vaccine, attenuated vaccine virus, live, non-replicating, preservation free, .05mL dosage, suspension for subcutaneous use
90622	Vaccinia (smallpox) virus vaccine, live, lyophilized, 0.3 ml dosage, for percutaneous use

Additionally, please note:

- The vaccine code must be billed in conjunction with the corresponding vaccine administration code on the claim.

- The national drug code (NDC) and vaccine code must also appear on the claim. No reimbursement will be paid for the vaccine while the vaccine is being provided by the federal government.
- A prior authorization is not required for the above procedure codes under FFS. If the member has a managed care organization (MCO), the provider should contact the appropriate MCO to determine their coverage requirements.

For information on the availability of the monkeypox vaccine in Iowa or guidelines for who should be vaccinated, please contact HHS at 515-281-7689 or mpxvaccine@idph.iowa.gov. Resources are also available on the [HHS monkeypox webpage](#)¹.

If you have questions, please contact Iowa Medicaid Provider Services or the appropriate MCO:

Iowa Medicaid Provider Services for FFS members:

- Provider services: 1-800-338-7909
- Provider email: imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us

Amerigroup Iowa, Inc.:

- Provider services: 1-800-454-3730
- Provider email: iowamedicaid@amerigroup.com
- Website: <https://providers.amerigroup.com/ia>

Iowa Total Care:

- Provider services: 1-833-404-1061
- Provider email: Providers may send email using their account on the ITC website.
- Website: <https://www.iowatotalcare.com>

¹ <https://hhs.iowa.gov/ehi/mpx>