



INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2515-MC-FFS

DATE: October 18, 2023

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers

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

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

RE: Clarification for Billing COVID-19 Vaccines and Administration

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The purpose of this Informational Letter (IL) is to provide clarification to all providers submitting claims for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccines and administration.

During the federal public health emergency (PHE), providers were instructed to submit all claims for the vaccine and vaccine administration in accordance with the medical benefits policies and procedures rather than pharmacy benefit using the typical electronic submission standards for each MC and FFS.

With the announcement that the PHE ended on May 11, 2023, providers are to continue to submit claims for reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration in accordance with the above-mentioned guidance. Claims submitted under the pharmacy benefit will deny.

Billing Instructions:

- Billing of immunizations involves two separate items, the vaccine code itself and the code for the service of vaccine administration.
- For reimbursement to process correctly, it is important to list all the vaccine codes on the claim before the administration codes.
- Both the vaccine and vaccine administration codes must be billed on the same claim.

On September 11, 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [announced¹](#) the approval and authorization for emergency use of updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccines formulated to target circulating variants more closely.

¹ <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-takes-action-updated-mrna-covid-19-vaccines-better-protect-against-currently-circulating>

The updated Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines include a monovalent (single) component that corresponds to the Omicron variant XBB.1.5. Importantly, these new COVID-19 vaccine formulations will not be available from the U.S. Government but must be acquired by pharmacy or physician providers in the same manner as other vaccines.

The following table lists the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for the COVID-19 vaccines, effective September 11, 2023.

COVID-19 Vaccines Billing Codes	
Code	Definition
90480	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, single dose
91318	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, 3 mcg/0.3 mL dosage, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use
91319	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, 10 mcg/0.3 mL dosage, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use
91320	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, 30 mcg/0.3 mL dosage, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use
91321	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, 25 mcg/0.25 mL dosage, for intramuscular use
91322	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, 50 mcg/0.5 mL dosage, for intramuscular use

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