
INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2627-MC-FFS

DATE: September 13, 2024

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Medical Providers¹

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

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

RE: Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program: Administration Code Update

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

*****This Informational Letter (IL) is intended to replace [IL No. 1185](#)^{2***}**

Effective December 1, 2012, Iowa Medicaid implemented changes to reduce the maximum reimbursement rates for Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 90460 and 90461 describing vaccine administration and counseling for children ages zero (0) to 18.

For reimbursement to process correctly, it is important to list all the vaccine codes on claim lines before the administration codes. Every vaccine administered has one component and many vaccines may have second and even subsequent components. The total vaccine components should be indicated as the units for administration CPT codes 90460 and 90461 divided in the following way:

- CPT 90460 should list one unit for each vaccine administered (each “needle stick”) and billed at the providers usual and customary charges.
- CPT 90460 is paid at the current Vaccine for Children (VFC) program vaccine administration cap of \$19.68.

¹ Including Home Health Agencies (HHA).

² [https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/impa/Information/ViewDocument.aspx?viewdocument=\(ad6d0e0f-0a44-4d11-9b03-6b542de01e8a\)](https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/impa/Information/ViewDocument.aspx?viewdocument=(ad6d0e0f-0a44-4d11-9b03-6b542de01e8a))

- CPT 90461 should be billed for informational purposes only and billed at \$0.00 indicating any remaining components. CPT 90461 will be denied.

Note: CPT codes 90471 to 90474 are not to be billed for VFC administration.

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

Iowa Medicaid Provider Services:

- Phone: 1-800-338-7909
- Email: imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us

Managed Care Organizations (MCOs):

Iowa Total Care:

- Phone: 1-833-404-1061
- Email: providerrelations@iowatotalcare.com
- Website: <https://www.iowatotalcare.com>

Molina Healthcare of Iowa:

- Phone: 1-844-236-1464
- Email: japroviderrelations@molinahealthcare.com
- Website: <https://www.molinahealthcare.com/providers/ia/medicaid/home.aspx>
- Provider Portal: <https://www.availity.com/molinahealthcare>

Wellpoint Iowa, Inc. (formerly Amerigroup Iowa, Inc.):

- Phone: 1-833-731-2143
- Email: ProviderSolutionsIA@wellpoint.com
- Website: <https://www.provider.wellpoint.com/iowa-provider/home>