

## COVID-19 Vaccine Pharmacy Provider Information

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has provided Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for three vaccine manufacturers: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson). As other vaccine manufacturers are authorized or approved by the FDA, additional billing instructions will be issued.

This document will be updated with new information and guidelines from state and federal sources (DHCS, FDA, CDC, etc.) as they become available.

### Medi-Cal

- Per DHCS, claims billing for the approved COVID-19 vaccines are a carved out benefit from SFHP and should be billed directly to Medi-Cal (FFS) for proper payment.
- COVID-19 claims incorrectly submitted to SFHP will receive a **Non-Formulary** reject message at Point-of-Sale with supplemental messaging of: “*submit claim to FFS Medi-Cal*”.
- DHCS will reimburse the associated COVID-19 vaccine administration fee at the updated Medicare allowable rate for all claim types with date of service on or after 3/15/2021, including pharmacy.
  - When billed appropriately, providers will be reimbursed \$40 for each of both doses (regardless of manufacturer) for immunizations requiring 2 doses for series completion. (Pfizer-Biotech and Moderna)
  - When billed appropriately, providers will be reimbursed \$40 for single dose vaccines. (Janssen-Johnson & Johnson)
  - Claims are subject to all other applicable billing and program requirements.
  - Pharmacy providers will not be reimbursed for the vaccine cost or a dispensing fee for a federally provided vaccine.
- Providers must keep the manufacturer consistent between doses; if the first dose administered to a patient is the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, then the second dose administered to the same patient must also be the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.
- At this time, only three NDC codes may be submitted to DHCS for billing:
  - Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine: NDC 59267100001
  - Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine: NDC 80777027310
  - Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine: NDC 59676058005
- When billing electronically, use the applicable Submission Clarification Code (SCC) 2 (Other Override) to indicate that the first dose of a two-dose vaccine is being administered and billed, or SCC 6 (Starter Dose) to indicate that the final dose of a two-dose vaccine is being administered and billed.
- Since the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine is a single dose vaccine, providers do not need to, nor should they use SCC 6 (Starter Dose).
- Pharmacy providers are reminded not to use CPT® codes 91300, 91301, or 91303 when billing for these vaccines, as they are not reimbursed by Medi-Cal at this time.
- Providers planning to submit claims via batch electronic formats (NCPDP 1.2), or the Pharmacy Claim Form (30-1) should continue to hold their claims until further notice. Instructions on how to properly bill for both, are forthcoming. Only pharmacy providers submitting real-time transactions using NCPDP Standard D.0 or RTIP, may submit claims at this time.

## **Healthy Workers HMO**

*\*\*Please note, San Francisco Health Plan is not responsible for reimbursement of the vaccine product at this time since it has currently been purchased and distributed by the US Federal Government through Operation Warp Speed.*

An administration fee of \$40 will be paid on claims dated on or after 3/15/2021, this is an increase from previous administration rates. This applies to both single and two-shot vaccine therapies.

- To bill for the administration fee for two-shot vaccines, please submit the vaccine claim like any other pharmacy vaccine claims except for the following:
  - The following Submission Clarification Code (SCC) must be entered in the NCPDP field 420-DK:
    - Submit a SCC code = 2 to indicate 1st dose
    - Submit a SCC code = 6 to indicate the 2nd (final) dose
- To bill the administration fee for single shot vaccines, please submit the vaccine claim like and other pharmacy vaccine claim.
- Administering pharmacists must be identified in the prescriber field using their individual pharmacist NPI (not the pharmacy facility NPI) in the Prescriber NPI field. If the prescriber NPI field and the pharmacy NPI is the same, the claim will reject, and the pharmacist will be prompted to enter a valid prescriber NPI.)
- Vaccines will be limited to one COVID vaccine (initial dose and the associated second dose) per year for two-shot vaccine series and one dose per year on single dose series. For example, a member who receives the first dose of Pfizer vaccine NDC 59267100001 must receive dose #2 of the same NDC, and cannot receive that same NDC after the second dose or any of the other four NDC's within the same year.
- At this time, only three vaccine manufacturers (all NDCs) may be submitted to SFHP for billing for Healthy Workers HMO members:
  - Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
  - Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine
  - Janssen (Johnson & Johnson)
- More vaccines will be added to the coverage list as they are authorized or approved by the FDA.