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### **What VIP Knows about Billing Covid Vaccines:**

Before billing any vaccine we need to make sure Incentive fee is set to transmit with the claim. Please go to E. Pharmacy Utilities, K. Third Party Maint., C. Change Third Party, enter the 3rd party code, press enter twice til you get to the segments page, F. pricing segment, line #4 = Y to send an incentive fee. There is an option to turn on incentive for ALL third parties at once if you would like. E. pharmacy utilities, K. third party maint, W. third party misc functions, F. set pricing segment flags, 1- for all third parties (requires admin login), line 4. Incentive fee, Y, then lastly R = run program, and this will make this flag Y for all third parties.

Please remember the incentive fee has to be manually entered on each prescription under the <F6> screen, along with the administration code; <F6>, line 6= PH, line 7= MA, line 8 = 3N, and enter your incentive fee in line 17, normally at least \$45

### **Getting the Vaccine:**

If you are unable to get the vaccine from your wholesaler and you are a CPESN member, they may be able to provide you with the vaccine.

### **Vaccine Screening Form:**

There is a specialized Vaccine administration screening form for Covid vaccine on the CDC website. VIP has downloaded a copy - if you would like it emailed to you, please let us know. Below is the link to the CDC covid screening form:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/pre-vaccination-screening-form.pdf>

### **Clarifications for Billing:**

In order to clearly identify whether the claim is for an initial dose or final dose of the vaccine series, a Submission Clarification Code value should be submitted on all claims for two-dose vaccines. The following distinct Submission Clarification Code values should be used to clarify the submission as an initial or final dose:

- **Initial Dose:** - Submission Clarification Code of 2 "Other Override" - defined as, "Used when authorized by the payer in business cases not currently addressed by other SCC values," to indicate the first dose of a two-dose vaccine is being administered.
- **Second Dose (or Only Dose):** - Submission Clarification Code of 6 "Starter Dose" - defined as, "The pharmacist is indicating that the previous medication was a starter dose and now additional medication is needed to continue treatment," to indicate the final dose of a two-dose vaccine is being administered. Use this SCC if you are distributing a one-dose vaccine, such as the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.
- **Additional dose for targeted population:** SCC of 7 "Medically Necessary"
  - Where days between additional dose and last dose of series is no less than the dose series time period.
- **Booster dose for broader population with waning immunity:** - SCC 10 (Meets Plan Limitations)
  - Look for guidance from the FDA and ACIP for recommendations on who is eligible for a booster dose and when.



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**Days Supply:**

Whether you are dispensing a first dose or second dose, send a 1 in Days Supply

**NC Medicaid for Patients Still with NC Tracks (not those who have transitioned to being covered by a managed care organization):**

Just like billing the flu vaccine, this must be done on the NCTracks website. Please contact VIP if you need assistance in how to bill vaccines on NCTracks. Note: As of 3/15, NC Medicaid is now reimbursing at the federal reimbursement rate of \$40 / dose.

<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2021/03/19/special-bulletin-covid-19-162-medicaid-rate-increases-covid-19-vaccine>

**Medicare B Billing and Commercial Billing: updated 3/10/21**

Medicare and Commercial billing seem to be about the same; inside the <F6> screen we have to submit a submission clarification code, 02 for the 1st shot of the 2 shot series, or 06 for the Jansen 1 dose shot or the 2nd dose of the 2 shot series. Just like billing any other immunization we have to put the < PH, MA, 3N> in the DUR fields. Along with that please be sure to add an incentive fee (\$45.00 is what I have been using). Once all that has been done, on the fill screen please go to line #11, cost, this should be \$.01, and line #13 , Subtotal, should be enough to cover the incentive fee (recommend you enter \$45.00). Transmit and you should get a paid claim with a reimbursement of roughly \$40 for the 1st dose (or single dose) and \$40 for the 2nd of the 2 dose series.

**3/16/21 -Reimbursement by the federal government has increased as of 3/15, so please make sure you are transmitting a subtotal above \$40 to make sure you aren't shorting yourself.**

**For Uninsured Patients: updated 3/17/21**

Go to <https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com/get-started.html> to confirm your enrollment with OptumRx for the federal government sponsored plan.

Go to <http://vip-pharmacy.com/covid-19-resources.html> and download the **HRSA Billing for Uninsured Patients** document for a guide on how to bill Optum for the COVID-19 vaccine.

- You **MUST** have the patient's HRSA ID, provided through the Optum portal above where you enrolled, before billing the claim.  
If you do not use the correct HRSA ID, you may not get paid.
- Additionally, make sure you bill the claim for above \$40. The guide from ChangeHealthcare has not yet been updated to reflect the increase in reimbursement that went into effect in mid-March.

For more resources for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine rollout, please visit <http://vip-pharmacy.com/covid-19-resources.html>

Please let us know if you have any additional information or tricks to add.

Thanks~ Sara