




State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 23, 2020

TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists

FROM: Ruth Johnson, Medicaid Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Adult Vaccine Coverage

Effective July 1, 2020, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will implement coverage for select adult vaccines. The adult vaccine coverage applies to pharmacy claims submitted to FFS and Louisiana Medicaid MCOs (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and United Healthcare).

Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse pharmacies for select adult vaccines administered to recipients by pharmacists with "Authority to Administer" by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

Adult Vaccine Billing

Louisiana pharmacies either enrolled in Medicaid FFS or registered with one of the MCOs listed above will be reimbursed for the ingredient cost and administration fee when billing adult vaccines administered by a pharmacist. The FFS administration fee for adult vaccines is \$15.22 for the first injection, then \$9.13 for each additional injection with the same date of service. The FFS administration fee for a nasal vaccine is \$10.80.

All 340B pharmacies carved-in to Medicaid may bill vaccines and the administration fee for adults (19 years and older) at Point of Sale as a pharmacy benefit. Claim level indicators should not be included as vaccines are not 340B or rebate eligible.

There will be no copay assessed on adult vaccine claims. Third party billing policy will apply and Medicaid will be the payer of last resort.

Pharmacy claims for vaccines will bypass FFS Point of Sale edits for the four prescription monthly limit and pharmacy Lock-In.

The following chart lists select adult vaccines administered by a pharmacist and payable as a FFS and MCO pharmacy claim.

Adult Vaccines	Brand Name Examples	Age Limit
Hepatitis A Adult	Vaqta®, Havrix®	≥ 19 years
Hepatitis A-Hepatitis B Adult	Twinrix®	≥ 19 years
Hepatitis B Adult	Heplisav-B®, Engerix-B®	≥ 19 years
HPV-Human Papillomavirus 9 Valent	Gardasil ® 9	19-45 years
Measles, Mumps, & Rubella	M-M-R®II	≥ 19 years
Meningococcal Conjugate (Groups A, C, Y and W-135)	Menveo®, Menactra®	≥ 19 years
MENB – Meningococcal Group B	Trumenba®, Bexsero®	≥ 19 years
Pneumococcal- 13-valent	Prevnar 13™	≥ 19 years
Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (23 Valent)	Pneumovax®23	≥ 19 years
Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids	TDVAX®	≥ 19 years
Tetanus Toxoid, Reduced Diphtheria Toxoid and Acellular Pertussis	Adacel®, Boostrix®	≥ 19 years
Varicella	Varivax®	≥ 19 years
Zoster Vaccine Recombinant, Adjuvanted	Shingrix®	≥ 50 years
Zoster Vaccine Live	Zostavax®	≥ 60 years

If you have questions about the content of this memo, you may contact the FFS pharmacy help desk by phone at (800) 437-9101.

If you have questions about pharmacy claims billing, you may contact the appropriate plan at their pharmacy help desk listed in the chart below.

Healthcare Provider	Pharmacy Help Desk	Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Number
Aetna	CVS Health	(855) 364-2977
AmeriHealth Caritas	PerformRx	(800) 684-5502
Fee for Service	DXC Technology	(800) 648-0790
Healthy Blue	CVS	(833) 236-6194
Louisiana Healthcare Connections	CVS Caremark	(800) 311-0543
UnitedHealthcare	Optum Rx	(866) 328-3108

Please forward this notice to other providers to assist with notification. Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

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