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Vaccine processing

Empire BlueCross BlueShield HealthPlus provides coverage for Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) members to receive vaccines at their doctor’s office. Members may also choose to get influenza and pneumococcal vaccines at an in-network pharmacy. Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines filled at a pharmacy can be taken to the doctor for administration or be administered by a retail pharmacist, where offered.

Vaccines for Children (VFC) program — MMC members ages 0 to 18 must obtain vaccines from a VFC-enrolled physician’s office or pharmacy. New York state currently has a very limited number of VFC-enrolled pharmacies, therefore, we recommend that members younger than 19 check with their doctor first for vaccination.

Below is a summary of vaccine coverage:

Medical benefit		Pharmacy benefit
Covered vaccines	CDC-recommended vaccines found at https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/vaccines-diseases.html	Influenza (flu) Pneumococcal
Where to obtain vaccination	Members may obtain covered vaccines from their PCP or any other participating provider who participates in the VFC program. Providers are reimbursed for administration costs and the contractual fee for the visit.	For members under 19 years old: Vaccines for MMC members under 19 are provided free of charge by the VFC program from VFC-enrolled providers (mostly medical providers). Flu and pneumococcal vaccines can be obtained from a network pharmacy that offers vaccination by following the pharmacy billing instructions below. For members 19 years of age or older: Flu and pneumococcal vaccines can be obtained either from a doctor’s office or from a network pharmacy that offers vaccination by following the pharmacy billing instructions on the following page.

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Billing instructions	CMS-1500/837P claims		Claims processing information for PBM-processed claims:					
	Field	Submission criteria	Primary RxBIN:	003858	Primary RxPCN:	MA	Primary RxGroup:	WKKA
	Vaccine Serum	Applicable procedure code						
		Modifier = SL						
		Number of units						
	NDC	Applicable NDC Number						
		Number of units						
		Unit of measure						
	Vaccine administration	CPT/HCPCS = 90460						
		Number of units						
CMS-1450/837I claims								
Field	Submission criteria							
Vaccine serum	Applicable revenue code							
	Applicable procedure code							
	Modifier = SL							
	Number of units							
NDC	Applicable NDC number							
	Number of units							
	Unit of measure							
Vaccine administration*	Applicable revenue code							
	CPT/HCPCS = 90460							
	Number of units							
*For ambulatory patient group (APG) reimbursement, only bill the applicable vaccine serum code. The vaccine administration code should not be billed separately.								
		Field #	NCPDP field name	Submission criteria				
		455-EM	Prescription/service reference number qualifier	1=Rx billing				
		436-E1	Product/service ID qualifier	03 – National Drug Code (NDC)				
		407-D7	Product/service ID	NDC should be submitted				
		473-7E	DUR/PPS code counter	1=Rx billing				
		440-E5	Professional service code	MA	If dispensing <i>and</i> administering the vaccine to the member			
				Blank	If dispensing vaccine without administration			
		438-E3	Incentive amount submitted	Provider's vaccine administration fee to include administration and all supplies necessary for injection and administration				
		409-D9	Ingredient cost submitted	Vaccine drug acquisition cost:				
				VFC vaccines (vaccine claims for patient less than 19 years old) = \$0.01 Non-VFC vaccines (Vaccine claims for patient 19 years old or older) = acquisition cost				
		426-DQ	Usual and customary charge (U&C)	Amount submitted should include the cost for the vaccine PLUS provider's vaccine administration fee.				