

New COVID-19 vaccine and administration codes

As researchers and government agencies race to develop and approve COVID-19 vaccines, CMS and the American Medical Association (AMA) are collaborating on a new approach to report use of these vaccines. The CPT® Editorial Panel recently approved a CPT code for each of two COVID-19 vaccines, as well as administration codes unique to each. The new vaccine codes are as follows:

- **91300**: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, **30 mcg/0.3mL dosage**, diluent reconstituted, for intramuscular use
- **91301**: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, **100 mcg/0.5mL dosage**, for intramuscular use

The administration codes were developed to report and track vaccine doses. The administration codes also will account for the necessary counseling provided to patients or caregivers and updating electronic health records, according to the AMA. The vaccine administration CPT codes and their long descriptors are as follows:

30 mcg/0.3mL dosage

- **0001A**: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, **30 mcg/0.3mL dosage**, diluent reconstituted; **first dose**
- **0002A**: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, **30 mcg/0.3mL dosage**, diluent reconstituted; **second dose**

100 mcg/0.5mL dosage

- **0011A**: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, **100 mcg/0.5mL dosage**; **first dose**
- **0012A**: Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, **100 mcg/0.5mL dosage**; **second dose**



This code structure was developed to facilitate efficient claims processing for any COVID-19 vaccines. The Category I CPT codes will be effective and coincide with the approval date of the FDA's emergency use authorization (EUA).

Payment for vaccine administration

- Medicare payment rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration will be **\$28.39 to administer single-dose vaccines**.
- For a COVID-19 vaccine requiring a series of two or more doses, the **initial dose(s) administration payment rate will be \$16.94, and \$28.39 for the administration of the final dose in the series**.

These rates recognize the costs involved in administering the vaccine, including the additional resources involved with required public health reporting, conducting important outreach and patient education, and spending additional time with patients answering questions they may have about the vaccine. These rates also will be geographically adjusted.

Note: these rates don't apply for entities that are reimbursed for vaccines at reasonable cost.

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Covered Medicare beneficiaries – no cost sharing

Medicare-enrolled patients pay nothing for COVID-19 shot:

- No copayment or coinsurance
- No deductible

Medicare billing for COVID-19 vaccine shot administration

How to bill for COVID-19 shot administration

- You will be able to bill on single claims for COVID-19 shot administration or submit claims on a roster bill for multiple patients at one time.
- When COVID-19 vaccine doses are provided by the government without charge, only bill for the vaccine administration. Do not include the vaccine codes on the claim when the vaccines are free.
- If you participate in a Medicare Advantage Plan, submit your COVID-19 claims to Original Medicare for all patients enrolled in Medicare Advantage in 2020 and 2021.

How to submit a claim if you are a Medicare Advantage Plan-contracted provider

Submit claims for administering COVID-19 vaccines to Original Medicare through your MAC as outlined in the institutional and professional instructions below.

How to submit institutional claims

If you use roster billing for institutional claims, you must administer shots to at least five patients on the same date, unless the institution is an inpatient hospital. You also can submit individual claims.

What are valid types of bills for roster billing?

- 12X, Hospital Inpatient*
- 13X, Hospital Outpatient*
- 22X, Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) covered Part A stay (paid under Part B) & Inpatient Part B
- 23X, SNF Outpatient
- 34X, Home Health (Part B Only)
- 72X, Independent and Hospital-based Renal Dialysis Facility
- 75X, Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility
- 81X, Hospice (Non-hospital)
- 82X, Hospice (Hospital)
- 85X, Critical Access Hospital

***For hospitalized patients, Medicare pays for the COVID-19 shots separately from the diagnosis-related group rate and disallows billing them on 11X.**

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