

To: All Providers Participating in Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Kevin Bagley, Director *KB*
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Re: New Guidance on COVID-19 Vaccine Payment

This provider bulletin is being issued to inform providers about updated rates for COVID-19 vaccine administration and to update Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinic (RHC) providers on the procedure for billing for administering a COVID-19 vaccine.

[Provider Bulletin 21-03](#) provided information on which providers will be allowed to administer COVID-19 vaccines, and how to bill Nebraska Medicaid for the administration of these vaccines. Providers should use the payment rates outlined in 21-03 for vaccines administered on or before 3/15/2021. Providers should use the guidance in this bulletin for dates after 3/15/2021. The claim form completion will not change until 3/31/2021.

Updated Payment Rates

Based on updated guidance on payment rates for vaccine administration released by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Nebraska Medicaid and Heritage Health managed care plans will be paying the geographically adjusted Medicare rate for Nebraska for COVID-19 vaccine administration.

Effective for services furnished on or after March 15, 2021, the new Medicaid payment rate for administering a COVID-19 vaccine will be as follows:

HCPCS	Description	Reimbursement Rate
0001A	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID – 19 Vaccine administration 1 st dose	\$37.25
0002A	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID – 19 Vaccine administration 2 nd dose	\$37.25
0011A	Moderna COVID – 19 Vaccine administration 1 st dose	\$37.25
0012A	Moderna COVID – 19 Vaccine administration 2 nd dose	\$37.25
0031A	Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine administration Single dose	\$37.25

Guidance for FQHCs/RHCs

Beginning April 1, 2021, if the facility is seeing a patient only to administer a COVID-19 vaccine they will be reimbursed at the standard payment rates listed in the above table. When only the COVID-19 vaccine is administered, the facility should bill on the CMS Form 1500. If the patient receives services qualifying as an encounter in addition to a COVID-19 vaccine, the facility will be reimbursed at the encounter rate and should submit an encounter claim following already established procedures.

Guidance for IHS

The Tribal Clinic should bill the all-inclusive rate in the normal manner for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine administration.

DHHS has a dedicated COVID-19 web page at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

The CDC's dedicated page is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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