

Vaccine and Vaccine Administration at Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act

During the period starting March 11, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act):

Coverage

The state assures coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and administration of the vaccines.¹

The state assures that such coverage:

1. Is provided to all eligibility groups covered by the state, including the optional Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services, Individuals with Tuberculosis, and COVID-19 groups if applicable, with the exception of the Medicare Savings Program groups and the COBRA Continuation Coverage group for which medical assistance consists only of payment of premiums; and
2. Is provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing pursuant to section 1916(a)(2)(H) and section 1916A(b)(3)(B)(xii) of the Act; reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage is not reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise be applicable under the state plan.

Applies to the state's approved Alternative Benefit Plans, without any deduction, cost sharing or similar charge, pursuant to section 1937(b)(8)(A) of the Act.

The state provides coverage for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to §§1902(a)(11), 1902(a)(43), and 1905(hh) of the Act.

The state assures compliance with the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act declarations and authorizations, including all of the amendments to the declaration, with respect to the providers that are considered qualified to prescribe, dispense, administer, deliver and/or distribute COVID-19 vaccines.

Additional Information (Optional):

¹ The vaccine will be claimed under this benefit once the federal government discontinues purchasing the vaccine.

Reimbursement

The state assures that the state plan has established rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for all qualified providers pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

List Medicaid state plan references to payment methodologies that describe the rates for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration for each applicable Medicaid benefit:

The state is establishing rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are consistent with Medicare rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines, including any future Medicare updates at the:

- Medicare national average, OR
- Associated geographically adjusted rate.

The state is establishing a state specific fee schedule for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location:

- Reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccines (when the federal government discontinues purchasing the vaccine) and vaccine administration is at one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicare rates. The District's Medicaid fee schedule is published at <https://www.dc-medicaid.com>.
 - For nursing facilities, reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccine administration will be paid separate and apart from the per diem rate, and will be reimbursable to the administering provider at one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicare fee schedule.
 - For intermediate care facilities for the intellectually and developmentally disabled (ICFs/IID), reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccine administration will be paid separate and apart from the ICFs/IID rate, and will be reimbursable to the administering provider at one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicare fee schedule.
 - The new rate would not apply to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

X The state's fee schedule is the same for all governmental and private providers.

___ The below listed providers are paid differently from the above rate schedules and payment to these providers for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are described under the benefit payment methodology applicable to the provider type:

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___ The payment methodologies for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for providers listed above are described below:

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X The state is establishing rates for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E), 1905(r)(1)(B)(v) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

X The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location:

<p>Reimbursement for medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for all beneficiaries (including children under 21) is at: (1) 100% of the Medicare rate if delivered by a provider who attests to being a primary care provider; or (2) 80% of the Medicare rate if delivered by a provider who does not attest to being a primary care provider. The fee schedule is published at https://www.dc-medicaid.com.</p>

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