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****COVID-19 Emergency Response****

[Please see the Department of Vermont Health Access COVID-19 site for important information](#)

COVID-19 Changes to Vaccine Coverage

Policy Summary:

As part of the response to the [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#), Vermont Medicaid is taking steps to ensure Vermonters have access to necessary care and that health care professionals can deliver that care in a safe and timely way. Vermont Medicaid is implementing the following changes related to vaccines and their administration.

1. COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

Vermont Medicaid will reimburse for COVID-19 vaccine administration by licensed medical providers including pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. The initial supply of COVID-19 vaccines will be purchased federally and the vaccine itself will not be reimbursed. All medical providers including pharmacists must be enrolled with Vermont Medicaid and adhere to federal and state requirements for COVID-19 vaccine administration.

2. Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines to Children

The Third Amendment to Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19 preempts state law and authorizes licensed pharmacists to order and administer, and pharmacy interns to administer, all vaccines recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and approved or licensed by the FDA, to children ages 3 to 18 during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Pharmacists administering vaccines to children ages 3-18 in Vermont must enroll with the Vermont Child Vaccine Program to obtain the vaccines and with Vermont Medicaid for vaccine administration. **At this time, COVID-19 vaccines are not being distributed through the Vermont Child Vaccine Program.**

Additional information is included below.

Effective Date:

Effectively immediately, lasting for the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency unless otherwise noticed.

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

[Third Amendment to Declaration Under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act for Medical Countermeasures Against COVID-19](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Additional Information:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration](#)
[CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program: Provider Requirements and Support](#)
[Vermont Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccine Planning](#)
[Vermont Board of Pharmacy COVID-19 Emergency Guidance](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Reimbursement:](#)

Code	Description	Rate
91300	SARSCOV2 VAC 30MCG/0.3ML IM; PFIZER BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE	\$0.01
0001A	ADM SARSCOV2 1ST; PFIZER BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION - FIRST DOSE	\$16.94
0002A	ADM SARSCOV2 2ND; PFIZER BIONTECH COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION - SECOND DOSE	\$28.39
91301	SARSCOV2 VAC 100MCG/0.5ML IM; MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE	\$0.01
0011A	ADM SARSCOV2 1ST; MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION - FIRST DOSE	\$16.94
0012A	ADM SARSCOV2 2ND; MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION - SECOND DOSE	\$28.39

Note: Vermont Medicaid will not reimburse for vaccine administration costs included in other contracts or agreements.

- [Pharmacist Enrollment for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration](#)

Effective September 1, 2020, Vermont Medicaid allows pharmacists to enroll in the Medicaid program as licensed providers authorized to provide Medicaid services in accordance with their scope of practice, and state, and federal law. This includes ordering

and administering COVID-19 diagnostic tests and COVID-19 vaccines during the public health emergency. Pharmacists must enroll with Vermont Medicaid to be reimbursed for the vaccine administration.

Please see [Pharmacy communications dated December 11th and December 17th](#) for further information on pharmacist enrollment.

➤ Pharmacist Vaccines for Children Ages 3-18

[Vermont Medicaid Pediatric Vaccine Administration Pharmacy Communication](#)

[Vermont Child Vaccine Program \(VCVP\)](#)

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