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IHCP will reimburse EMS provider agencies for administration of vaccines

Effective for dates of service on or after **October 7, 2020**, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will reimburse Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider agencies for administering vaccines. This policy applies to both fee-for-service (FFS) and managed care delivery systems.

To receive reimbursement, the EMS provider agencies must be EMS-certified provider organizations and enrolled with the IHCP under provider specialty 260 – *Ambulance*. EMS provider agencies will be reimbursed only for the administration of the vaccine and only when provided by a paramedic or advanced emergency medical technician (EMT).



Billing guidance

For vaccine administration, EMS provider agencies should bill using diagnosis code Z23 – *Encounter for immunization* and applicable procedure codes in Table 1.

Table 1 – Vaccine administration procedure codes allowed for EMS providers

| Procedure code | Description |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 90471 | Immunization admin |
| 90472 | Immunization admin each add |
| 90473 | Immunization admin oral/nasal |
| 90474 | Immunization admin oral/nasal add |

*Note: When billing vaccine administration for IHCP members 18 years of age and younger, EMS providers must include the **SL** modifier as described in the following section.*

These procedure codes will be added to the *Covered Procedure Codes for Ambulance Providers (Specialty 260)* table in *Transportation Services Codes*, accessible from the [Code Sets](#) page at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

Special requirements for members under age 19

For members age 18 or younger, the IHCP reimburses for vaccine administration only if the vaccine was supplied through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. When billed for members under age 19, the procedure codes in Table 1 must include the SL modifier to indicate that the vaccine was supplied through the VFC program.

If an EMS provider agency is administering a VFC vaccine, the vaccine must be obtained from a VFC-enrolled provider and a representative from the VFC provider must be present during the administration.

EMS provider agencies may establish relationships with VFC-enrolled providers or may become a VFC provider. Providers can direct questions concerning VFC provider enrollment, patient eligibility for VFC, and vaccine orders and distribution to the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) at immunize@isdh.in.gov.

For more information about the VFC program, see the [Injections, Vaccines, and other Physician-Administered Drugs](#) provider reference module available at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

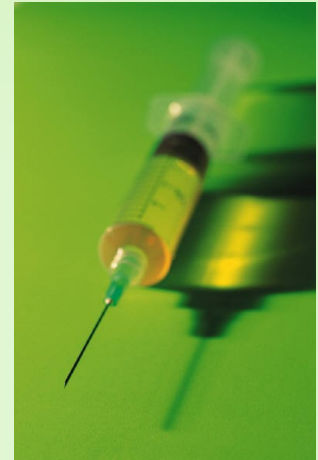
Reimbursement rates

Reimbursement rates for the vaccine administration procedure codes in Table 1, billed with or without the SL modifier indicating VFC stock, is available on the Professional Fee Schedule, accessible from the [IHCP Fee Schedules](#) page at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

For more information

Reimbursement and billing information applies to services delivered under the FFS delivery system. Questions about FFS billing should be directed to Customer Assistance at 1-800-457-4584.

Individual managed care entities (MCEs) establish and publish reimbursement and billing criteria within the managed care delivery system. Questions about managed care billing should be directed to the MCE with which the member is enrolled.



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