

Provider Network News

COVID-19 Vaccine Procedure Code 91304 is Now a Benefit of Medicaid and CHIP

Key Details:

Effective for dates of service on or after Oct. 3, 2023, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) amended emergency use authorization for the Novavax COVID- 19 vaccine, vaccine procedure code 91304 is now a benefit of Medicaid and CHIP.

COVID-19 vaccine procedure code 91304 is a benefit of Medicaid and CHIP for individuals who are 12 years of age or older that may be reimbursed for the following provider types and places of service:

Place of Service	Provider Type
Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician Physician Assistant Nurse Practitioner Clinical Nurse Specialist Pharmacist Certified Nurse Midwife Registered Nurse Licensed Midwife Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis) Pharmacy
Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician Physician Assistant Nurse Practitioner Clinical Nurse Specialist CCP Providers Home Health Agency
Outpatient Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospital Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis) Renal Dialysis Facility
Other Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician Physician Assistant Nurse Practitioner Clinical Nurse Specialist CCP Providers

Notes:

- Texas Health Steps providers may be reimbursed for services rendered to members who are 12 years through 20 years of age in the office, home, outpatient hospital, and other location settings. Healthy Texas Women (HTW) and the Family Planning Program (FPP) providers may also be reimbursed for services rendered in family planning clinics.
- Vaccine procedure code 91304 may be billed with vaccine administration procedure code 90480, as of Oct. 3, 2023.
- Vaccines administered to individuals eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program should come from VFC-provided stocks. TMHP will process COVID-19 vaccine products submitted for reimbursement as informational only when administered to individuals 6 months through 18 years of age.
- PCHP will reprocess affected claims submitted with these procedure codes and date of service on or after Oct. 3, 2023. Providers are not required to appeal the claims unless they are denied for additional reasons after the claims reprocessing is complete. Providers may bill PCHP retroactively for COVID-19 vaccine procedure code 91304.
- As a reminder, Texas Medicaid and CHIP do not cover vaccines that are not authorized or approved by the FDA.

Action:

PCHP will make systems and processes to reflect these code updates and inform impacted providers in the PCP provider network about the code updates.

Additional Information:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will not cover procedure code 91304 as non-risk payments. As referenced in the notice titled “Update on Reimbursement for Non-Risk Criteria for COVID-19 and CHIP Copay Waiver” published on June 8, 2023, the NRP COVID-19 reimbursement criteria had an end date of service of Aug. 31, 2023.

Resources:

[FDA Authorizes Updated Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine Formulated to Better Protect Against Currently Circulating Variants](#)