

Provider Network News

Coverage of Commercialized COVID-19 Vaccines Begins as a Pharmacy Benefit

Background

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued approval and Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the following COVID-19 vaccines:

- As of Sept. 11, 2023:
 - o 2023-2024 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
 - o 2023-2024 Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine
- As of Oct. 3, 2023:
 - o 2023-2024 Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine

The new commercialized vaccines include a monovalent (single) component corresponding with the Omicron variant XBB.1.5. Unlike previous doses provided at no cost, commercialized COVID-19 vaccines are for purchase.

Key Details

PCHP will request their pharmacy benefit manager to modify their systems and cover the COVID-19 Vaccine national drug codes (NDCs) listed in the attachment by Dec. 5, 2023.

NDCs for the COVID-19 vaccines began appearing on the daily formulary file for Medicaid and CHIP as a payable pharmacy benefit on Nov. 20. VDP backdated the effective date of formulary coverage accordingly to align with medical benefit requirements:

- Sept. 11 for the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines
- Oct. 3 for the Novavax vaccine

PCHP will reprocess previously rejected claims for these COVID-19 vaccines administered within approved backdates for reimbursement. The "Submission Clarification Code" field (420-DK) is no longer required to adjudicate COVID-19 vaccines as HHSC will no longer cover the COVID-19 vaccines as non-risk.

Resources

covid vaccine list below:

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NDC	Label Name
00069236201	COMIRNATY 2023-24(12Y UP)
00069236210	COMIRNATY 2023-24(12Y UP)
00069239201	COMIRNATY 2023-24(12Y UP)
00069239210	COMIRNATY 2023-24(12Y UP)
00069237701	COMIRNATY 2023-24(12Y UP)
00069237710	COMIRNATY 2023-24(12Y UP)
59267431501	PFIZER COVID 2023-24(6M-4Y)
59267431502	PFIZER COVID 2023-24(6M-4Y)
59267433101	PFIZER COVID 2023-24(5-11Y)
59267433102	PFIZER COVID 2023-24(5-11Y)
80777010201	SPIKEVAX 2023-24 (12Y UP)
80777010204	SPIKEVAX 2023-24 (12Y UP)
80777010293	SPIKEVAX 2023-24 (12Y UP)
80777010295	SPIKEVAX 2023-24 (12Y UP)
80777010296	SPIKEVAX 2023-24 (12Y UP)
80777028707	MODERNA COVID 23-24(6M-11Y)
80777028792	MODERNA COVID 23-24(6M-11Y)
80631010501	NOVAVAX COVID 2023-24
80631010502	NOVAVAX COVID 2023-24