

Fee-for-service point of sale billing for COVID-19 and flu immunizations provided to Oregon Health Plan (OHP)-eligible children

Effective 10/20/2021, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will accept fee-for-service pharmacy point of sale claims for covered flu immunizations for children ages 3 to 18 years. OHA will also accept pharmacy point-of-sale claims for children’s COVID-19 immunizations once they are FDA-approved. OHA is working on updating the influenza vaccine protocol for children ages three and above. This should be ready for use soon.

Enrollment in Oregon’s Vaccines for Children (VFC) program will not be required for:

- Any OHP provider administering children’s COVID-19 vaccines, or
- OHP-enrolled pharmacies administering children’s flu vaccines, for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

VFC enrollment will still be required for pharmacies wishing to provide any other children’s immunizations.

OHA has a “no wrong door” policy for COVID-19 immunizations that will also apply to pharmacy-administered flu immunizations for children. This means pharmacies who cannot bill the child’s coordinated care organization (CCO) may bill OHA directly.

Why is this happening?

Previously, pharmacy billing was not an option for children’s vaccinations. This change is intended to increase the number of places families can go to access flu and COVID-19 immunizations for children.

What should you do?

Bill the child’s CCO or OHA for flu immunizations and, when available, COVID-19 immunizations.

- For COVID-19 vaccines, bill for administration only since the serum is distributed at no cost.
- For flu vaccine outside of the VFC program, bill for both the administration and the serum.
- VFC-enrolled providers must bill for administration only since VFC vaccines are distributed at no cost.

Billing and reimbursement:

For Medicare members: Bill the member’s Medicare plan.

For CCO members: If your pharmacy is contracted with the member’s CCO, bill the CCO.

- If your pharmacy is not contracted with the CCO, bill OHA.
- Be sure to also contact your local CCOs to explore direct contracting options. Find contact information at bit.ly/cco-contacts.

To bill OHA, enter information as follows. OHA will pay the fee (“Incentive Amount”) listed below.

NCPDP Field	Flu Vaccines	COVID Vaccines 1 st or 2 nd Dose:
Professional Service Code (440-E5)	MA	MA
Service Clarification Code (452-DK)	<leave blank>	“2” for first dose “6” for second dose
Incentive Amount (483-E3)	\$17.67 for 1 st administration \$8.72 for each additional	\$40.00 for each administration
Basis of Cost (423-DN)	15	15
Ingredient Cost Z (409-D9)	\$0.00 or \$0.01 (VFC supplied vaccines) Acquisition cost (non-VFC vaccines)	\$0.00 or \$0.01

Questions?

- **About physical health prescriptions for patients in a CCO:** [Contact the CCO.](#)
- **About fee-for-service prescriptions:** Contact the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at 888-202-2126.