Oregon Medicaid Coverage of COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

The Oregon Health Plan (OHP) covers the administration of COVID-19 vaccine supplied to providers through allocations from the federal government. This applies to vaccine administrations that:

- Are delivered to CAWEM members and OHP members;
- Are ordered and administered by qualified practitioners, pharmacies, or staff; and
- Meet FDA’s Emergency Use Authorization criteria for the vaccine.

This fact sheet explains how providers can enroll to become COVID-19 immunization providers and bill the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) for fee-for-service (FFS) COVID-19 vaccine administration.

- **If you have questions about dental care organization (DCO) or coordinated care organization (CCO) coverage**, please contact the DCO or CCO.

- **To learn about Oregon’s vaccine distribution strategy and information for COVID-19 immunization providers**, visit OHA’s COVID-19 for Health Care Providers page.

**Enrollment as an Oregon immunization provider**

Providers must first be enrolled with OHA as a COVID-19 immunization provider. To do this:

- First, complete required ALERT IIS user and inventory training as described on OHA’s COVID-19 Training for Vaccine Providers page.
- After that, register using OHA’s online registration system.
  - **Existing immunization providers** will log in with their ALERT IIS Organization Code or Vaccines for Children PIN.
  - **New providers** will use the Alert IIS Organization Code issued by OHA following completion of required Alert IIS required training, user agreement and confidentiality forms.

To learn more, view OHA’s instructions and checklists for COVID-19 vaccine provider enrollment.

**Medicaid provider enrollment**

To receive payment from OHP, providers must be OHP-enrolled; however, providers that are not currently enrolled with OHP should not delay administering vaccine to OHP or CAWEM members.

- OHA has made enrollment as streamlined as possible and will extend provider enrollment retroactively, if necessary, to cover prior dates of service.
- Unless there is evidence of a provider exclusion or license discipline, OHP is enrolling all providers administering COVID-19 vaccine to OHP members.

To learn more about enrolling as an OHP provider, visit the OHP Provider Enrollment page.

**“No Wrong Door” policy for providers serving FFS and CCO members**

OHA has implemented a “No Wrong Door” policy to ensure access for both FFS and CCO members who present themselves at any OHP-enrolled COVID-19 vaccine provider location to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.
■ Providers contracted with the member’s CCO should bill the CCO.
■ Providers not contracted with the CCO should bill OHA. Be sure to also contact your local CCO(s) to explore direct contracting options. Find contact information at bit.ly/cco-contacts.

For second and third dose vaccines:
Instruct members to get second dose vaccines on the date specified by the manufacturer’s product labeling for products that require a second dose.

OHP covers a third dose when prescribed by a qualified health care provider. A patient’s clinical team is best positioned to determine the degree of immune compromise and appropriate timing of vaccination.
■ Moderately to severely immunocompromised persons should be offered a third dose of either Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, depending on the brand received previously.
■ There is currently no indication for additional doses of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Also refer to OHA’s COVID-19 immunization protocol, which includes guidance around third doses.

Counseling
Counseling patients about COVID-19 vaccine, including advising them about the risks from getting and not getting vaccinated, is covered by OHP.
■ Reimbursement for up to 20 minutes of counseling, when provided at the same visit as a vaccine administration, is included under the vaccine administration codes (0001A-0031A).
■ Reimbursement is available for time spent counseling at a vaccine administration visit in excess of 20 minutes. See billing details below.
■ Reimbursement for counseling that does not occur at a vaccination visit is available under covered Evaluation and Management codes.

Billing
■ Only bill for the vaccine administration, not the serum.
■ Use diagnosis code Z23 (Encounter for immunization).
■ Dentists billing OHA for vaccine administration are subject to OAR 410-123-1262.

Professional claim format
Enrolled physical health, dental and pharmacy providers may bill OHA for FFS COVID-19 vaccine administration using the professional claim format, as described below.
■ To bill for counseling provided during the administration visit that exceeds 20 minutes, add modifier 22.
■ On all claims related to COVID-19, also add modifier CR (Catastrophe/Disaster).

Ages 12 to 15 years

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* OHP updated rates on 3/16/2021. OHP will work with you to adjust claims if you were paid the wrong rate on 3/15/2021.

#### Institutional claim format

For hospital inpatient FFS COVID-19 vaccine administration, split bill as an outpatient service as follows:

- Type of Bill: 131
- Statement Covers Period (From and To Dates): Use the discharge date of the inpatient claim.
- Condition Code: DR (Disaster-Related)
- Revenue Code: 771

#### Pharmacy point of sale claims

To bill OHA, enter information as follows. OHA will pay the fee ("Incentive Amount") listed below. For two- or three-dose vaccines, the National Drug Code for all doses must be from the same manufacturer.

- If second or third dose is from a different manufacturer than the first dose, OHA will deny the claim for that dose, requiring prior authorization.
- Please call the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at 888-202-2126 to request authorization.

Separate reimbursement for counseling is not available through point of sale. To bill for more than 20 minutes of counseling or counseling that does not occur during the vaccine administration visit, use the professional claim format.

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### Additional payment for in-home COVID-19 vaccine administrations

OHA can now reimburse providers an additional $35.50 for administering COVID-19 vaccines to fee-for-service (FFS) OHP or CAWEM members in their home or dwelling, for dates of service on or after June 8, 2021. This fee:

- Is in addition to the base vaccine administration rates listed above,
- Applies only once per visit for members who are unable to leave to their home or otherwise difficult to reach as described in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) fact sheet about the fee, and
- Does not apply to providers paid at an all-inclusive encounter rate for COVID-19 vaccine administration, including Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Indian Health Services and Tribal 638 programs.

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### Situations where the additional payment applies:

Providers may provide in-home vaccinations to patients who are unable to leave their home or otherwise difficult to reach. For example, the individual:

- Has a condition that makes them more susceptible to contracting a pandemic disease such as COVID-19.
- Is generally unable to leave the home, and if they do leave home it requires a considerable and taxing effort.
- Has a disability or faces clinical, socioeconomic, or geographical barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine in settings other than their home.
- Faces challenges that significantly reduce their ability to get vaccinated outside the home, such as challenges with transportation, communication, or caregiving.

### Locations where the additional payment applies:

To be eligible for the additional payment, the COVID-19 vaccine may be administered in these locations:

- A private residence
- Temporary lodging (for example, a hotel or motel, campground, hostel, or homeless shelter)
- An apartment in an apartment complex or a unit in an assisted living facility or group home
A patient's home is provider-based to a hospital during the COVID-19 public health emergency (i.e., hospital at home)

You must document the patient’s clinical status or the barriers they face to getting the vaccine outside the home.

Frequently asked questions

Are OHP or CAWEM members required to pay for their COVID-19 vaccinations?
No. OHP and CAWEM members should not be billed under any circumstance nor should they be requested to make “voluntary” payments.

How can I get paid for vaccine administration for uninsured individuals, or people whose health coverage doesn’t cover COVID-19 vaccine administration?
Providers can request reimbursement through the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) Provider Relief Fund: [https://www.hrsa.gov/CovidUninsuredClaim](https://www.hrsa.gov/CovidUninsuredClaim)

If a member has both Medicare and Medicaid coverage, who pays?
Bill Medicare as the primary payer.

Can members use Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) services for vaccine appointments?
Yes. OHP members can use NEMT to travel to the nearest local COVID-19 vaccination clinic, including alternative sites (e.g., fairgrounds, drive-through locations).

Additionally, OHP members receiving Medicaid-funded personal care services from a homecare worker (HCW) or personal support worker (PSW) may be transported to the nearest local COVID-19 vaccination clinic, including alternative sites, by their HCW/PSW. These members should contact their local case management entity for more information and prior authorization.