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/ccoco-contacts](http://bit.ly/ccoco-contacts).

**For two-dose vaccines:**

Before providing the first dose, instruct members to:
- Use the same provider for both vaccinations.
- Get the second dose on the date specified by the manufacturer’s product labeling.

**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](http://www.oregon.gov/oha/rules/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.

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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.

**Pharmacy point of sale claims**

To bill OHA, enter information as follows. OHA will pay the fee (“Incentive Amount”) listed below. For two-dose vaccines, the National Drug Code for both doses must be from the same manufacturer.
- If the second dose is from a different manufacturer than the first dose, OHA will deny the claim for the second dose, requiring prior authorization.
- Please call the Oregon Pharmacy Call Center at 888-202-2126 to request authorization.
### Vaccine Administration

| NCPDP Field            | Two-Dose Vaccines | Single-Dose Vaccines | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---|---|
|                        | Rates through   | Rates on and after |     |     |
|                        | 3/14/2021        | 3/15/2021*          |     |     |
| Service Clarification Code 452-DK | 1<sup>st</sup> Dose 2 | 1<sup>st</sup> Dose 2 | 6 | 6 |
|                        | 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose 6 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose 6 | | |
| Incentive Amount 483-E3 | $16.94           | $40.00               | $40.00 | $40.00 |
| Basis of Cost 423-DN   | 15               | 15                   | 15 | 15 |
| Ingredient Cost 409-D9 | $0.00 or $0.01   | $0.00 or $0.01      | $0.00 or $0.01 | $0.00 or $0.01 |

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### 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.