



COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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RE: L.A. Care Health Plan – COVID-19 Vaccine Provider FAQs

Dear L.A. Care Health Plan (L.A. Care) Provider:

The COVID-19 vaccine FAQs provides health care providers billing information for the COVID-19 vaccines for all lines of business to include Medi-Cal, CalMediConnect, L.A. Care Covered, L.A. Care Covered Direct, and PASC-SEIU. This document provides guidance on who providers should bill for the administration for the COVID-19 vaccine. This document will be updated as needed with the release of new vaccine brands and CPT and administration codes.

Should you have any questions, please contact your assigned Account Manager or L.A. Care's Provider Relations Department at providerrelations@lacare.org.

L.A. Care appreciates your partnership and continued participation with serving L.A. Care members.

Sincerely,

Provider Network Management

L.A. Care Health Plan

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These FAQs apply to L.A. Care Medi-Cal, Cal MediConnect, L.A. Care Covered and L.A. Care Covered Direct, PASC-SEIU.

1. Will the COVID-19 vaccination be covered as a benefit?

- L.A. Care Health Plan will cover FDA approved or emergency use authorized COVID-19 vaccines without cost-sharing, consistent with the requirements of federal law.

2. What is the reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccine?

- Funding for the vaccine is covered by the federal government and other sources. Providers are prohibited from seeking reimbursement directly from L.A. Care beneficiaries and other individuals who are being vaccinated. Vaccination will be available to individuals at no cost to them.

3. What is the member cost share for the COVID-19 vaccine? Will members pay any out-of-pocket costs for the vaccine and its administration if they have not met their deductible for the year yet?

- Member cost share is \$0 for the vaccine and its administration. Vaccine coverage will not be subject to any deductibles.

4. Is a prior authorization required for the COVID-19 vaccine?

- A prior authorization is not required for the COVID-19 vaccine.

5. Is COVID-19 vaccine mandatory?

- Individuals who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine are highly encouraged to get it to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, severity and death. However, the vaccination for COVID-19 is a voluntary program and beneficiaries are not mandated to receive it.

6. What is the administration cost for the COVID-19 vaccination, and who is responsible for payment?

- The COVID-19 vaccine and the administration costs are covered as a benefit without cost-sharing or balance billing to the beneficiary. This includes multiple doses, if required by vaccine manufacturer.
- This coverage applies to both in and out of network providers during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- Providers are prohibited from seeking reimbursement directly from individuals who are being vaccinated.
- Providers may submit claims for the reimbursement for COVID-19 administration costs to responsible payers.

7. What type of claim form (HCFA1500 or UB04) should be used to bill for the COVID-19 vaccine administration?

It depends on where the vaccine is provided. Provider should follow normal billing guidelines.

Please see the table below for more information.

L.A. Care Plan	Place of Service/Payer	
	Pharmacy	Provider (e.g. Clinic, Office, Hospital, etc.)
Medi-Cal	Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service	Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service
Cal MediConnect	Medicare Fee-For-Services	Medicare Fee-For-Services
L.A. Care Covered	Pharmacy Benefits Manager	L.A. Care Claims
L.A. Care Covered - Direct	Pharmacy Benefits Manager	L.A. Care Claims
PASC-SEIU	Pharmacy Benefits Manager	L.A. Care Claims

8. How do I bill for COVID-19 vaccine administration cost?

- Providers may bill for COVID-19 vaccination administration fees using the following CPT and administration codes. CPT and administration codes must align by vaccine manufacturer and dose. For instance, for Pfizer, the CPT code 91300 must be used with administration codes 001A for the first dose and 002A for the second dose.

Code	CPT Short Descriptor	Vaccine Name	Vaccine/Procedure Name	Payment Allowance	Effective Dates
91300	SARSCOV2 VAC 30MCG/0.3ML IM	Pfizer	Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine	NA	12/11/2020
0001A	ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 1ST	Pfizer	Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – First Dose	\$16.94	12/11/2020
0002A	ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 2ND	Pfizer	Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – Second Dose	\$28.39	12/11/2020
91301	SARSCOV2 VAC 100MCG/0.5ML IM	Moderna	Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine	NA	12/18/2020
0011A	ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML 1ST	Moderna	Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – First Dose	\$16.94	12/18/2020

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0012A	ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML2ND	Moderna	Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – Second Dose	\$28.39	12/18/2020
91302	SARSCOV2 VAC 5X10^10VP/.5MLIM	AstraZeneca	AstraZeneca Covid-19 Vaccine	NA	TBD
0021A	ADM SARSCOV2 5X10^10VP/.5ML 1	AstraZeneca	AstraZeneca Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – First Dose	\$16.94	TBD
0022A	ADM SARSCOV2 5X10^10VP/.5ML 2	AstraZeneca	AstraZeneca Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – Second Dose	\$28.39	TBD
91303	SARSCOV2 VAC AD26 .5ML IM	Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson	Janssen Covid-19 Vaccine	NA	TBD
0031A	ADM SARSCOV2 VAC AD26 .5ML	Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson	Janssen Covid-19 Vaccine Administration	\$28.39	TBD

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