

## \*\* Important Information \*\*

# COVID-19 Vaccine Pharmacy Claim Submission

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**Effective December 28, 2020**, TennCare began reimbursing pharmacy providers through the OptumRx Pharmacy Point of Sale System for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines.

CoverKids and CoverRx claims also follow this guidance.

The following is a list of covered COVID-19 vaccines that are now eligible for pharmacy administration reimbursement.

EAU Approved Product ID	Product Name	Product Limits
59267-1000-01 59267-1000-02 59267-1000-03	COVID-19 (SARS-COV-2) MRNA VACC-PFIZER IM SUSP 30 MCG/0.3ML	Covered 12 years of age and older; 0.3ML
80777-0273-10 80777-0273-99	COVID-19 (SARS-COV-2) MRNA VACC-MODERNA IM SUSP 100 MCG/0.5ML	Covered 18 years of age and older; 0.5ML
59676-0580-05 59676-0580-15	COVID-19 (SARS-COV-2) AD26 VECTOR VACCINE-JANSEN IM 0.5 ML (JOHNSON & JOHNSON)	Covered 18 years of age and older; 0.5ML

At this time, the cost for the vaccine itself will be covered by the federal government via funding authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

An administration fee, *in line with the current Medicare payment rates*, will be paid to pharmacies that submit claims for covered COVID-19 vaccines within the specified product limits.

- Administration fee for each dose: \$40.00

### Claim Submission

When submitting a claim for the COVID-19 vaccine, submission should include the NCPDP fields as depicted below and follow recommended guidance.

NCPDP Field Name	NCPDP Field Number	First Dose	Second Dose (If Applicable)	Third Dose (Immunocompromised only)	Single Dose
Professional Service Code (DUR-PPS)	440-E5	MA = Medication Administration	MA = Medication Administration	MA = Medication Administration	MA = Medication Administration
Day Supply	405-D5	1-Day	1-Day	1-Day	1-Day
Submission Clarification Code (SCC)	420-DK	<b>2 = Other Override</b>	<b>6 = Starter Dose</b>	<b>7 = medically necessary</b>	<b>blank</b>
Ingredient Cost Submitted	409-D9	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01
Basis of Cost Determination	423-DN	15 = Free Product	15 = Free Product	15 = Free Product	15 = Free Product
Incentive Amount Submitted	438-E3	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

In accordance with CMS regulations, reimbursement for COVID-19 administration is limited to CMS recognized licensed provider types issuing a patient-specific order.

- If pharmacies have an existing Collaborative Pharmacy Practice Agreement (CPPA) for COVID-19 vaccine with a current provider, they should use that provider on pharmacy claims to TennCare.
- If pharmacies do not have an existing CPPA for COVID-19 or a provider with a Tennessee Medicaid ID is not available, the Tennessee Department of Health has issued a COVID-19 Collaborative Pharmacy Practice Agreement with Dr. Tim Jones (NPI 1245362565) as the authorizing physician. Pharmacies must use the link below to view this agreement. Once this agreement is signed and all requirements are followed, pharmacies can submit claims for approved COVID-19 vaccines with Dr. Jones as the ordering provider.

[https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/opioid\\_response/COVID19-Vaccine\\_Collaborative\\_practice.pdf](https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/health/documents/opioid_response/COVID19-Vaccine_Collaborative_practice.pdf)

### **Reminders**

- The additional third dose should only be given to immunocompromised patients.
- Claims for COVID vaccines are exempt from co-pays and script limits for all TennCare enrollees
- COVID vaccine claims for dual eligible enrollees (Medicare eligible) will receive NCPDP reject 65 "Patient has Medicare Coverage, Bill Medicare"
- If a claim is submitted for a member's second or third vaccination dose with an NDC from a different manufacturer used with the first and second dose, the claim will be denied, requiring prior authorization.

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