



Pharmacists as Immunizers – Quick Reference April 2026

NYRx, the New York Medicaid Pharmacy Program, provides this resource to support best practices for accurate vaccine claim submission and reminder of program policies. Please note the following when processing vaccine claims through NYRx:

Billing Vaccines by National Drug Code (NDC) – Preferred method

- **Vaccines billed to NYRx by NDC include the administration fee in one claim.**
 - **DO NOT SUBMIT A SECOND CLAIM FOR ADMINISTRATION.** *Pharmacies that submit a second claim for administration are at risk for overpayment, audit and recovery.*
 - **Billing by NDC may NOT be used when “white bagging”.** (White bagged vaccines are those billed and delivered by the pharmacy directly to the provider for administration.)

Billing Vaccines by Procedure Code

- **One-claim procedure code billing method – Until further notice this method is required** when “white bagging” - Pharmacy bills one claim for the *vaccine only* and delivers the vaccine directly to provider for administration.
- **Two-claim procedure code billing method – Until further notice, this method is used** when a vaccine will be administered at the pharmacy (instead of billing by NDC) or for exception shown in box below- Pharmacy bills one claim for the vaccine and a second claim for the administration.

Billing vaccines for under 19 years of age

COVID-19 vaccines billed by a **non-Vaccines for Children Program** provider must be billed by procedure code

- Procedure codes may be found in the procedure code manual here:
https://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/Physician/PDFS/Physician_Procedure_Codes_Sect2.pdf

FAQs:

1. **Is it acceptable to bill and dispense vaccines to NYRx members?** No, dispensing vaccines or any practitioner administered drug to a member is considered “brown bagging”, which is prohibited. Vaccines must be either administered at the pharmacy by a certified pharmacist immunizer or delivered by the pharmacy directly to the provider for administration.
2. **Why am I only being reimbursed the administration fee on vaccine claims?** Vaccines for individuals younger than 19 years of age are not reimbursed and are provided to Medicaid members free of charge by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. VFC program information may be found at:
https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/vaccines_for_children/
3. **Which vaccines are permissible to administer?** Vaccines may be administered in accordance with state and federal regulations. For New York State Education Department (NYSED) guidance see:
<https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions/pharmacist/frequently-asked-questions/administration-of-immunizations>
and <https://www.op.nysed.gov/advisory-notice-Information-about-the-PREP-Act-and-COVID-19-Immunizations>.

Questions and Information

- For the comprehensive NYRx Vaccine policy and guidance please review the, *NYRx, Medicaid Pharmacy Program Pharmacists as Immunizers Fact Sheet*:
https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/phar_immun_fact.htm.
- For claims processing questions, call the eMedNY Call Center at (800) 343-9000.
- For NYRx coverage or policy questions call (518) 486-3209 or email NYRx@health.ny.gov