



# COVID-19 Vaccination Billing Resources

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## Cost

How much will the vaccines cost?

There is no cost. They are free to everyone, even if you do not have health insurance. The federal government is covering the cost.

**Source:** <https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/COVID-19-Vaccine-Update.pdf>

“All providers must vaccinate individuals regardless of whether they have health insurance coverage or what type of coverage they have and are prohibited from balance billing or otherwise charging vaccine recipients.”

**Source:** <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-vaccine-toolkit.pdf>

## Coding

“The American Medical Association (AMA) published an update to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code set that includes new vaccine-specific codes to report immunizations for the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2, COVID-19).

This level of specificity offers the ability to track each vaccine dose, even when the vaccine product is not reported (e.g., when the vaccine may be given to the patient for free). These CPT codes report the actual work of administering the vaccine, in addition to all necessary counseling provided to patients or caregivers and updating the electronic record.”

### Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine

**91300:** Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, for intramuscular use.

**0001A:** Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; first dose.

**0002A:** Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted; second dose.

### Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

**91301:** Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use.

**0011A:** Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage; first dose.

**0012A:** Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage; second dose.

**Source:** American Medical Association

<https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2020-11/covid-19-immunizations-appendix-g-table.pdf>

<https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/press-releases/ama-announces-vaccine-specific-cpt-codes-coronavirus-immunizations>

## Billing

“Vaccine doses purchased with U.S. taxpayer dollars will be given to the American people at no cost. However, vaccination providers may be able to charge administration fees for giving the shot. Vaccination providers can get this fee reimbursed by the patient’s public or private insurance company or, for uninsured patients, by the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Provider Relief Fund (HRSA).”

**Source:** CDC, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/8-things.html>

It is recommended to review your private insurance’s resources for specific billing guidance pertinent to that insurance.

Make sure you enter the CPT Codes for the vaccine and the administration fee into your billing system and the COVID-19 Vaccine Management System (CVMS).

## NC Medicaid & NC Health Choice COVID-19 Vaccine Billing Guidance

NC Medicaid Coding and Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

Medicaid and NC Health Choice will reimburse at the Medicare approved COVID-19 vaccination administration rate at first dose \$16.94 and second dose \$28.39.

Vaccine CPT Code	ICD-10 Code	Vaccine Admin Code(s)	Vaccine Name	Unit of Coverage	NDC 11 Digit Product ID
91300	Z23	0001A (1 <sup>st</sup> dose) 0002A (2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	0.3mL	59267-1000-01 59267-1000-02 59267-1000-03  NDC Units reported as “UN1”
91301	Z23	0011A (1 <sup>st</sup> dose) 0012A (2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	0.5mL	80777-0273-10 80777-0273-99  NDC Units reported as “UN1”

- The ICD-10-CM diagnosis code required for billing is: Z23 - Encounter for immunization
- Providers must bill 11-digit NDCs
- The NDC units should be reported as “UN1”
  - Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine 0.3mL = 1 unit
  - Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine 0.5mL = 1 unit
- Claims must contain both administration codes and vaccine codes to pay.
- Vaccine codes should be reported as \$0.00.
- Claims for first vaccine dose must have been processed in NCTracks prior to processing a claim for second dose.
- Modifiers
  - TJ modifier should be used for NC Health Choice claims (age 6 through 18 years).
  - EP modifier should be used for all non-NC Health Choice (only Medicaid beneficiaries) younger than 21 years of age.

If you have any questions about product specific information, please contact the Immunization Branch Help Desk at 1-877-873-6247 and press option ‘6.’ If you have any questions about billing NC Medicaid, please call the GDIT Call Center at 1-800-688-6696.

## Additional Payer Resources

**Resource:** Medicare

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/medicare-covid-19-vaccine-shot-payment>

**Resource:** HRSA Portal

<https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com/billing-codes.html>

**Resource:** NC Medicaid

<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2021/01/06/pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine-na-hcpcs-code-91300-billing-guidelines>

<https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/blog/2020/12/29/moderna-covid-19-vaccine-na-hcpcs-code-91301-billing-guidelines-information-moderna>