

Vaccine

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First Choice Next reimbursement policies and their resulting edits are based on guidelines from established industry sources, such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the American Medical Association (AMA), state and federal regulatory agencies, and medical specialty professional societies. Reimbursement policies are intended as a general reference and do not constitute a contract or other guarantee of payment. First Choice Next may use reasonable discretion in interpreting and applying its policies to services provided in a particular case and may modify its policies at any time.

In making claim payment determinations, the health plan also uses coding terminology and methodologies based on accepted industry standards, including Current Procedural Terminology (CPT); the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS); and the International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), and other relevant sources. Other factors that may affect payment include medical record documentation, legislative or regulatory mandates, a provider's contract, a member's eligibility in receiving covered services, submission of clean claims, and other health plan policies, and other relevant factors. These factors may supplement, modify, or in some cases supersede reimbursement policies.

This reimbursement policy applies to all health care services billed on a CMS-1500 form or its electronic equivalent, or when billed on a UB-04 form or its electronic equivalent.

To the extent that any procedure and/or diagnosis codes are specified in this policy, such inclusion is provided for reference purposes only, may not be all inclusive, and is not intended to serve as billing instructions. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

Policy Overview

This policy addresses both children and adult vaccines.

All children under the age of 19 who are covered by First Choice Next are eligible for vaccines.

Exceptions

N/A

Reimbursement Guidelines

Immunizations for children are used to prevent the diseases listed below:

Diphtheria
Pertussis (whooping cough)
Pneumococcal disease
Poliomyelitis
Rotavirus
Rubella
Tetanus
Varicella
DENGUE
COVID-19

Mumps
Hemophilus influenza type b
Hepatitis A
Hepatitis B
Human Papillomavirus
Influenza
Measles
Meningococcal disease
Monkey pox
Respiratory syncytial virus

Reimbursement to providers is available for both the vaccine and the administration of the vaccine.

Immunizations for adults

Reimbursement to providers is available for both the vaccine and the administration components for the following:

Chickenpox (Varicella)
Diphtheria
Flu (influenza)
Hepatitis A
Hepatitis B
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
Measles
Meningococcal disease

Mumps
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)
Pneumococcal disease
RSV
Rubella
Shingles
Tetanus
COVID-19

Definitions

N/A

Edit Sources

- I. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and associated publications and services.
- II. International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10).
- III. Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- IV. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- V. CMS Fee Schedule(s).

Attachments

N/A

Associated Policies

N/A

Policy History

06/2025	Minor updates to formatting and syntax
04/2025	Revised preamble

06/2024	Reimbursement Policy Committee Approval
04/2024	Revised preamble
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