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News

Immunization: Medicare Covers Vaccines

Medicare covers the following vaccines:

- COVID-19: [See provider toolkit for enrollment, payment, coding, and billing](#)
- Influenza: [See flu shot frequency, coverage, payment, coding, and billing](#)
- Pneumococcal: An initial shot and a different, second shot per [pneumococcal vaccine recommendations](#)
- Hepatitis B: For [certain patients at intermediate or high risk](#)

Many Medicare patients missed vaccines during the pandemic. During National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM), encourage your patients to get back on track with routine vaccines:

- Help protect your patients against serious disease. Talk to your patients about vaccines they may have missed.
- Help high-risk patients learn about the benefits of vaccines.
- Your recommendation can make a difference. You're a valued and trusted source of health information.
- Even if your practice doesn't administer or stock certain vaccines, refer patients to other vaccine providers and follow up.

More Information:

- [Preventive Services](#) webpage
- [CDC NIAM](#) and [Adult Vaccination Resources](#) webpages
- [Office of Minority Health](#) webpage: Resources for minority and underserved patients
- [Vaccines.gov](#)
- [Part D Vaccines](#) fact sheet
- Information for your patients on [COVID-19 vaccine](#), [flu shots](#), [pneumococcal shots](#), and [Hepatitis B shots](#)

Compliance

Chiropractic Services: Comply with Medicare Billing Requirements

An [Office of Inspector General report](#) found that payments for chiropractic services didn't comply with Medicare billing requirements. Medical record documentation didn't support medical necessity or corrective treatment. Review the [Medicare Documentation Job Aid for Doctors of Chiropractic](#) educational tool to help you bill correctly.

More information:

- [Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 15](#), Sections 30.5 and 240
- [Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12](#), Section 220

Events

Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Instrument Walkthrough Webinar — August 26

Thursday, August 26 from 2-3:30 pm ET

[Register for this webinar.](#)

Learn about the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection Instrument section-by-section, including:

- Selected instructions
- Data collection guidelines
- FAQs
- Proposed changes in the [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2022 Physician Fee Schedule](#) proposed rule

A Q&A session follows this presentation. You may also send questions in advance to AmbulanceDataCollection@cms.hhs.gov with "August 26 Instrument Webinar" in the subject line.

More Information:

- [Presentation](#)
- [Ambulances Services Center](#) webpage: Includes ground ambulance organizations that must collect data starting in 2022
- [CY 2020 Physician Fee Schedule](#) final rule
- [Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018](#)

Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System: Q&A Session — September 14

Tuesday, September 14 from 2-3 pm ET

[Register for this session.](#)

Do you have questions about the Medicare Ground Ambulance Data Collection System? Join this live Q&A session. You may also send questions in advance to AmbulanceDataCollection@cms.hhs.gov with “September 14 Q&A” in the subject line. We’ll update documents on our [Ambulances Services Center](#) webpage with answers to common questions from this session.

More Information:

- [Ambulances Services Center](#) webpage: Includes lists of organizations that must collect data starting in 2022
- [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2022 Physician Fee Schedule \(PFS\)](#) proposed rule
- [CY 2020 PFS](#) final rule

MLN Matters® Articles

Implementation of the Capital Related Assets Adjustment (CRA) for the Transitional Add-on Payment Adjustment for New and Innovative Equipment and Supplies (TPNIES) Under the End Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System (ESRD PPS)

[ESRD: Learn about the AX modifier and relevant revenue codes.](#)

Implementation of the GV Modifier for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for Billing Hospice Attending Physician Services

[RHCs and FQHCs: Learn about the modifier.](#)

Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS) Updates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022

[Learn about changes to discharges starting October 1.](#)

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Annual Update: Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Changes for FY 2022

[Learn about rate updates for discharges starting October 1.](#)

Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Pricer Update FY 2022

[Learn about updates to the payment rates.](#)

Modifications/Improvements to Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) Model – Implementation

[Learn about the Hospice Benefit Component.](#)

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Claims Processing Updates

[Learn about updates to:](#)

- Services related to an emergency room encounter when there is a revenue code of 250 on the same claim
- Overlapping claims when there is a no-pay hospital claim during an interrupted stay

Update of Internet Only Manual (IOM), Pub. 100-04, Chapter 8 - Outpatient ESRD Hospital, Independent Facility, and Physician/Supplier Claims

[Learn about key revisions.](#)

Publications

IRF & LTCH: Q&A Basics

CMS offers an [instructional resource](#) for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) and Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) providers on how to access and use quarterly Q&A documents for the Quality Reporting Program (QRP):

- Purpose and benefits
- Setting-specific documents
- Release dates

More Information:

- [IRF QRP Training](#) webpage
- [LTCH QRP Training](#) webpage

Multimedia

Medicare Fraud & Abuse: Prevent, Detect, Report Web-Based Training — Revised

[See updated information](#) in this Medicare Learning Network (MLN) web-based training course:

- How to identify and report
- Provisions and penalties
- Prevention methods

Visit the [MLN Web-Based Training](#) webpage for a current list of courses.

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