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Key Details:

Effective for dates of service on or after December 8, 2022, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's amended Emergency Use Authorizations, COVID-19 vaccine administration codes 0164A (Moderna) and 0173A (Pfizer-BioNTech) are now benefits of Medicaid and CHIP for administration of the following:

- Moderna COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccine to individuals 6 months through 5 years of age
- Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 bivalent booster vaccine to individuals 6 months through 4 years of age

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will cover procedure codes 0164A and 0173A as non-risk payments.

Vaccine procedure codes 91316 (Moderna) and 91317 (Pfizer-BioNTech) are informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.

Procedure codes 0164A and 0173A are benefits of Medicaid and CHIP for the following providers and places of service:

Place of Service	Provider Type
Office	Physician Assistant (PA), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Physician, Pharmacist, Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHCs), Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), Pharmacy
Home	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, Home Health Agency, Comprehensive Care Program (CCP) Provider
Outpatient Hospitals	FQHCs, Hospitals, Nephrology (Hemodialysis, Renal Dialysis), Renal Dialysis Facility, RHCs

Other Locations	PA, NP, CNS, Physician, FQHCs, CCP Provider, RHCs
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As of December 8, 2022, procedure code M0201 (COVID-19 vaccine administration inside a patient's home) can be billed in the home setting with procedure codes 0164A or 0173A for individuals 6 months through 5 years of age or 6 months through 4 years of age, respectively.

Managed care organizations (MCOs) must reprocess affected claims submitted with these procedure codes and date of service on or after December 8, 2022. Providers are not required to appeal the claims unless they are denied for additional reasons after the claims reprocessing is complete. Providers may bill MCOs retroactively for COVID-19 vaccine administration codes 0164A or 0173A for individuals 6 months through 5 years of age or 6 months through 4 years of age, respectively.

Providers in MCO networks interested in enrolling as a COVID-19 vaccinator should visit www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/provider-information.aspx for more information.

Action:

MCOs must update their systems and processes to reflect these code updates and inform impacted providers in the MCO's provider network about the code updates.

Resources:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Authorizes Updated \(Bivalent\) COVID-19 Vaccines for Children Down to 6 Months of Age | FDA](#)

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