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Effective Date: See below
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TO: Physicians, Physician Assistants, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Certified Nurse Midwives, Medical Clinics, Family Planning Clinics, Medical Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Outpatient Hospitals

RE: CMAP COVID-19 Response Bulletin 48: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration – Medical Practitioners

Effective for dates of service as specified below, until the Department of Social Services (DSS) has notified providers in writing that the state has deemed COVID-19 to no longer be a public health emergency, the following COVID-19 vaccine administration procedure codes will be eligible for reimbursement for HUSKY Health members (A, B*, C and D) at 100% of the Medicare rate.

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Codes

Code	Descriptor / Vaccine Name	Rate**	Effective Date
0001A	Adm SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 1 st Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine Admin 1st Dose	\$16.94	12/11/2020
0002A	Adm SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 2 nd Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine Admin – 2nd Dose	\$28.39	12/11/2020
0011A	Adm SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML 1 st Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – 1st Dose	\$16.94	12/18/2020
0012A	ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML 2 nd Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – 2nd Dose	\$28.39	12/18/2020

**As a reminder, providers are prohibited from collecting cost share for preventive services under HUSKY B.*

*** These rates apply to physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, certified nurse midwives, physician assistants, medical clinics, and family planning clinics. For the reimbursement methodology applicable to FQHCs and outpatient hospitals, see below.*

Consistent with published Medicare guidance, the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) will reimburse \$28.39 for the administration of a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine that has been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). For a vaccine that has been authorized by the FDA and requires 2 doses, CMAP will reimburse \$16.94 for the first dose and \$28.39 for the administration of the second dose.

Please note that vaccine administration performed by advanced practice registered nurses, certified nurse midwives and physician assistants will not be subject to the current 90% pricing logic and will be reimbursed at the full rates listed above during the public health emergency period.

A claim submitted for the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine must include both the procedure code for the administration and the procedure code for the vaccine product administered (including the national drug code - NDC); otherwise, the detail for the administration will deny. Since the federal government will be distributing COVID-19

vaccines to states free of charge, the vaccine procedure codes will be set to \$0.00.

COVID-19 Vaccine Procedure Codes

Code	Descriptor / Vaccine Name	Rate	Effective Date
91300	SARSCOV 2 VAC 30MCG/0. 3ML IM	\$0.00	12/11/2020
91301	SARSCOV 2 VAC 100MCG/0 .5ML IM	\$0.00	12/18/2020

CMAP will update the applicable fee schedules if additional procedure codes are developed or if additional rate information is published by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) specific to COVID-19 vaccines and COVID-19 vaccine administration.

Connecticut's Vaccination Rollout Plan

As part of Connecticut's COVID-19 Response, the CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH), has published the statewide vaccination rollout plan. This plan provides information related to the various rollout phases and the populations eligible under each phase. Additional information regarding vaccine eligibility, how employers can enroll eligible staff for vaccination and common vaccine questions is also maintained as part of the rollout plan. Please refer to the CT DPH Web site at <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/COVID-19-Vaccine-Providers> for more information.

Eligible Providers

Providers who intend to vaccinate must pre-register with the CT Department of Public Health (CT DPH) and complete the required training in order to become a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider. For more information, please refer to the CT DPH Web site at this link: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Immunizations/COVID-19-Vaccine-Providers>.

CMAP will add the COVID-19 vaccine administration and vaccine procedure codes to the following fee schedules:

- Physician Office and Outpatient (*Physicians, advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants (PAs)*)
- Medical Clinic
- Family Planning Clinic

Medical Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)

that have registered with CT DPH may provide the COVID-19 vaccine and will be eligible for reimbursement at the FQHC's current encounter rate. The FQHC is responsible for ensuring that all the providers specified as qualified by CT DPH to administer the COVID-19 vaccine, including, but not limited to, each of the practitioners referenced above and dentists, that will administer the vaccine have completed the necessary training as specified by the CT DPH. The FQHC must ensure that all these providers (including dentists), that will administer the COVID-19 vaccine are associated with the medical FQHC's provider enrollment identification number. When a COVID-19 vaccination requires multiple doses, each vaccine administration performed by the FQHC on a particular date of service is eligible for reimbursement at the FQHC's current encounter rate for each date of service (which, in accordance with standard policy, also includes reimbursement for any other services that are provided on the same date of service). Medical FQHCs are reminded to submit the procedure codes for both the administration and the vaccine product (including the NDC) that was administered along with the procedure code for the encounter.

Reimbursement to **Outpatient Hospitals** that have registered with the CT DPH to administer the COVID-19 vaccine will be based on the reimbursement for each specified vaccine administration procedure code as set forth in

CMAP Addendum B. Reimbursement for outpatient hospital services will continue to follow the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) / Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) methodology. Please note that when the vaccine administration is provided in the outpatient hospital setting and the outpatient hospital bills for the administration, there will be no separate reimbursement for professional services. The outpatient hospital is responsible for ensuring that all the providers, specified as qualified by CT DPH to administer the COVID-19 vaccine including, but not limited to, each of the practitioners referenced above and dentists, that will vaccinate have completed the necessary training as specified by the CT DPH.

Limited Benefit Groups and Non-citizens***

Non-CMAP federal reimbursement for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine for members covered under the **Tuberculosis Limited Benefit, Family Planning Limited Benefit, COVID-19 Testing Group and non-citizens** (***) individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid or CHIP coverage due to their immigration status) may be available directly through the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). In recognition of the need to ensure access to COVID related services, HRSA has currently established a provider reimbursement portal for COVID-19 testing, treatment and vaccine administration, but the program is subject to available funding. For information, see COVID-19 Claims Reimbursement to Health Care Providers and Facilities for Testing, Treatment, and Vaccine Administration for the Uninsured & (currently posted to this link:

<https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim>)

Providers should continue to refer to *PB 2020-43 CMAP COVID-19 Response Bulletin 28: Emergency Medicaid for Non-Citizens* and *PB 2020-48 Revised CMAP COVID-19 Response Bulletin 32: Services Covered under the Optional Medicaid Coverage Group "COVID-*

19 Testing Group" for Uninsured Connecticut Residents for information regarding testing for non-citizens and uninsured Connecticut residents.

Future Guidance

Providers must continue to monitor the CMAP Web site for additional guidance related to COVID-19 vaccine administration. As additional State and Federal guidance is developed or received, CMAP intends to issue subsequent provider bulletins and updates to the COVID-19 Information and FAQs. However, providers are responsible for monitoring and complying with all applicable CT DPH requirements and guidance, which are subject to change at any time.

Pharmacy Reimbursement

For information pertaining to the reimbursement of a COVID-19 vaccine administered by **pharmacists/pharmacies**, please see *PB 2021-06 CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 49: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Provided by Pharmacists*.

Accessing Fee Schedules

The updated fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by accessing the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download". Click on the "I accept" button and proceed to click on the appropriate fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

Accessing CMAP Addendum B (Outpatient Hospitals)

CMAP's Addendum B for outpatient hospital services can be accessed via the www.ctdssmap.com Web site by selecting the "Hospital Modernization" Web page. CMAP's Addendum B (Excel) is located under "Important Messages – Connecticut Hospital Modernization".

Questions: For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access fee schedules on the CMAP Web site, please contact the Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.

Posting Instructions: Policy transmittals can be downloaded from the Web site at www.ctdssmap.com.

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