



MEMORANDUM

TO: EPH STAR and CHIP Providers

FROM: El Paso Health

DATE: 05/30/2023

RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration CPT code 0174A is a Benefit of Medicaid and CHIP

Effective for dates of service on or after March 14, 2023, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's amended Emergency Use Authorization, COVID-19 vaccine administration procedure code 0174A for the administration of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster is now a benefit of Texas Medicaid and CHIP for individuals 6 months through 4 years of age.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will cover procedure code 0174A as a non-risk payment. Vaccine procedure code 91317 will continue to be informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge. Procedure code 0174A is a benefit 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 March 14, 2023, procedure code M0201 (COVID-19 vaccine administration inside a patient's home) can be billed in the home setting with procedure code 0174A for individuals 6 months through 4 years of age.

Managed care organizations (MCOs) must reprocess affected claims submitted with this procedure code and date of service on or after March 14, 2023. Providers are not required to appeal the claims unless they are denied for additional reasons after the claims reprocessing is complete.

Providers may bill retroactively for COVID-19 vaccine administration code 0174A for individuals 6 months through 4 years of age.

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.

If you have any questions regarding this communication please contact our Provider Relations team at 915-532-3778 or email us at ProviderRelationsDG@elpasohealth.com

Resources:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Authorizes Bivalent Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine as Booster Dose for Certain Children 6 Months through 4 Years of Age | FDA](#)