

**Vaccine and Vaccine Administration at Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act**

During the period starting March 11, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act):

**Coverage**

The state assures coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and administration of the vaccines.<sup>1</sup>

The state assures that such coverage:

1. Is provided to all eligibility groups covered by the state, including the optional Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services, Individuals with Tuberculosis, and COVID-19 groups if applicable, with the exception of the Medicare Savings Program groups and the COBRA Continuation Coverage group for which medical assistance consists only of payment of premiums; and
2. Is provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing pursuant to section 1916(a)(2)(H) and section 1916A(b)(3)(B)(xii) of the Act; reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage is not reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise be applicable under the state plan.

Applies to the state's approved Alternative Benefit Plans, without any deduction, cost sharing or similar charge, pursuant to section 1937(b)(8)(A) of the Act.

The state provides coverage for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to §§1902(a)(11), 1902(a)(43), and 1905(hh) of the Act.

The state assures compliance with the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act declarations and authorizations, including all of the amendments to the declaration, with respect to the providers that are considered qualified to prescribe, dispense, administer, deliver and/or distribute COVID-19 vaccines.

Additional Information (Optional):

Medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling is provided to individuals of all ages, including adults ages 21 and over.

<sup>1</sup> The vaccine will be claimed under this benefit once the federal government discontinues purchasing the vaccine.

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**Reimbursement**

The state assures that the state plan has established rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for all qualified providers pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

List Medicaid state plan references to payment methodologies that describe the rates for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration for each applicable Medicaid benefit:

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The state is establishing rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are consistent with Medicare rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines, including any future Medicare updates at the:

Medicare national average, OR

Associated geographically adjusted rate.

The state is establishing a state specific fee schedule for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location :

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The state's fee schedule is the same for all governmental and private providers.

The below listed providers are paid differently from the above rate schedules and payment to these providers for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are described under the benefit payment methodology applicable to the provider type:

<u>FQHCs, School Based Wellness Centers</u>
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X  The payment methodologies for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for providers listed above are described below:

COVID-19 vaccine administration qualifies as an FQHC “visit” and is eligible for the Prospective Payment System (PPS) encounter rate. An FQHC visit that includes a medical component and a COVID-19 vaccination is reimbursed as a single visit, eligible for a single PPS encounter rate.

COVID-19 vaccine administration qualifies as a SBWC “visit” and is eligible for the applicable visit rate. A SBWC visit that includes a medical component and a COVID-19 vaccination is reimbursed as a single visit, eligible for a single visit rate.

X  The state is establishing rates for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E), 1905(r)(1)(B)(v) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

X  The state’s rate is as follows and the state’s fee schedule is published in the following location:

As of April 1, 2021, COVID-19 Stand Alone Vaccine Counseling for individuals over 21 will be reimbursed in the following way, using the following codes:

- G0310 with CR modifier; reimbursed at the same rate as 99401\*
- G0311 with CR modifier; reimbursed at the same rate as 99402\*

As of April 1, 2021, COVID-19 Stand Alone Vaccine Counseling for individuals ages 0-20 will be reimbursed in the following way, using the following codes:

- G0314 with CR modifier; reimbursed at the same rate as 99402\*
- G0315 with CR modifier; reimbursed at the same rate as 99401\*

\*99401 & 99402 are reimbursed at 98% of the Medicare Rates. Once Medicare determines and publishes rates for G0310, G0311, G0314, and G0315, these codes will be reimbursed at 98% of the Medicare Rates.

The Physician Fee Schedule can be found on the DMAP provider portal here: [Download \(delaware.gov\)](#) -

[https://medicaidpublications.dhss.delaware.gov/docs/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/API/Entries/Download?Command=Core\\_Download&EntryId=1306&language=en-US&PortalId=0&TabId=94](https://medicaidpublications.dhss.delaware.gov/docs/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/API/Entries/Download?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=1306&language=en-US&PortalId=0&TabId=94)

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