



National Fee Schedule for Medicare Part B Vaccine Administration

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What's changed: We made no substantive changes to the Article other than to update the web address of the CR transmittal.

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, non-physician practitioners (NPPs), and mass immunizers submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for vaccine services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

Make sure your billing staff knows about:

- Updated payment amount for preventive vaccine administration
- HCPCS codes to which these adjustments apply
- COVID-19 vaccine administration codes

Background

Under Section 1861(s)(10) of the [Social Security Act \(the Act\)](#), Part B covers both the vaccine and its administration for the specified preventive vaccines:

- Influenza
- Pneumococcal
- Hepatitis B virus (HBV) ¹
- COVID

Effective for CY 2023, CMS updates the Part B payment amount for preventive vaccine administration every year based on the annual increase to the Medicare Economic Index (MEI).

¹ If it's ordered by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy and is available to Medicare patients who are at high or intermediate risk of contracting hepatitis B.

We adjust the updated payment amount for geographic locality, based upon the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) locality where the preventive vaccine is administered using the geographic adjustment factor (GAF).

These adjustments apply to HCPCS codes G0008, G0009, G0010, COVID-19 vaccine administration CPT codes, and the in-home add-on payment (HCPCS code M0201).

Before CY 2022, we decided the payment amount for administration of the influenza (G0008), pneumococcal (G0009), and HBV (G0010) vaccines by suppliers such as physicians, NPPs, and mass immunizers by using the direct crosswalk to a similar service under the PFS which requires applying the PFS payment calculation. This formula used a HCPCS code's relative value units (RVUs) for work, practice expense (PE), and malpractice (MP) adjusted by the location where the service is provided. Under the authority provided by Section 3713 of the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#), we set specific coding and payment rates for the COVID-19 vaccine administration. Under this authority, we implemented an add-on payment of \$35.50 when you administer a COVID-19 vaccine in the patient's home under certain circumstances.

[COVID-19 Vaccines and Monoclonal Antibodies](#) lists the CPT codes that describe COVID-19 vaccine administration.

For CY 2022, we decoupled payment for these vaccine administration services from the PFS crosswalk and finalized a payment rate of \$30 for the administration of an influenza, pneumococcal, or HBV vaccine and a payment rate of \$40 for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines. However, we continued to adjust these payment amounts and the add-on payment of \$35.50 to show cost differences for each geographic area.

Information about payment for preventive vaccine administration effective for CY 2023 is available in the [CY 2023 Physician Fee Schedule](#) final rule.

Note that we make Medicare Part B payment for preventive vaccine administration in the Hospital Outpatient Department under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System based on the Ambulatory Payment Classification for the assigned codes.

More Information

We issued CR 12943 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, [find your MAC's website](#).

Document History

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