



Dear Provider,

Immunizations for all Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) members are a benefit when recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). This includes vaccines approved through an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

Health First Colorado members under 19 years of age are eligible to receive all immunizations available from the federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program at VFC-enrolled provider offices. All vaccines that are part of the VFC Program are only reimbursable when administered to members under 19 years of age and when administered by a VFC-enrolled provider using VFC vaccine products. Health First Colorado will not reimburse providers for the cost of vaccines that are available through the VFC Program or for the cost of vaccines that the provider receives at no cost from the federal government. A product code and an administration code must always be included on any claims for vaccination. Providers must be enrolled with Health First Colorado, enroll with VFC and use VFC vaccines to receive reimbursement for administering vaccines to members under 19 years of age.

Members enrolled in a Health First Colorado Managed Care Organization (MCO) must receive immunization services through a provider in the MCO's network.

All ACIP-recommended vaccines are a covered benefit and may be administered to members 19 years of age and older at enrolled pharmacies.

Health First Colorado covers vaccine counseling visits in which healthcare providers talk to families about the importance of vaccination. Health First Colorado also covers and will reimburse for stand-alone vaccine counseling visits. Providers should not bill for the vaccine counseling code and the vaccine administration code on the same date of service when vaccine administration codes are inclusive of counseling.

Seasonal influenza vaccine is a benefit for children and adults and is recommended for individuals who are six (6) months of age or older. Influenza vaccine is available through the VFC Program for providers enrolled in the program to administer to Health First Colorado-enrolled children/adolescents (under 19 years of age).

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) product codes for seasonal influenza vaccines are in the process of being updated for the 2024-2025 season. Previously submitted claims will be reprocessed without further action from the provider once the code update is complete.

Rates can be found on the [Provider Rates & Fee Schedule web page](#) under the [Immunization Rate Schedule](#) section. Further vaccine billing guidance can be found in the [Immunizations Billing Manual](#).

Contact Christina Winship at Christina.Winship@state.co.us with any Vaccine Policy questions.

Contact the [Provider Services Call Center](#) for assistance with claims and billing.

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing
