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COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURE CODE 0044A IS NOW A BENEFIT FOR MEDICAID AND CHIP

SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATION

Effective for dates of service on or after October 19, 2022, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s amended Emergency Use Authorization, COVID-19 vaccine administration code 0044A is now a benefit of Medicaid and CHIP for the administration of the Novavax booster dose to individuals 18 years of age or older.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will cover procedure code 0044A as non-risk payments.

Vaccine procedure code 91304 will continue to be informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.

Procedure code 0044A 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

As of October 19, 2022, procedure code M0201 (COVID-19 vaccine administration inside a patient's home) can be billed in the home setting with procedure code 0044A for individuals 18 years of age or older.

Managed care organizations (MCOs) must reprocess affected claims submitted with these procedure codes and date of service on or after October 19, 2022. Providers are not required to appeal the claims unless they are denied for additional reasons after the claims reprocessing is complete. Providers may bill MCOs retroactively for COVID-19 vaccine administration code 0044A for individuals 18 years of age or older.

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.

RESOURCES

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/novavax-covid-19-vaccine-adjuvanted>