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## COVID-19 VACCINE ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURE CODES 0144A AND 0154A ARE NOW BENEFITS FOR MEDICAID AND CHIP

### SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATION

Effective for dates of service on or after October 12, 2022, in accordance with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's amended Emergency Use Authorization, COVID-19 vaccine administration codes 0144A and 0154A are benefits of Medicaid and CHIP. The procedure codes are benefits for the administration of the Omicron-specific, bivalent booster dose of the Moderna (0144A) COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 6 through 11 years of age and the Omicron-specific, bivalent booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech (0154A) COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 5 through 11 years of age.

HHSC will cover procedure codes 0144A and 0154A as non-risk payments.

Vaccine procedure codes 91314 and 91315 are informational only while the vaccines are distributed to providers free of charge.

Procedure codes 0144A and 0154A are benefits 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 12, 2022, procedure code M0201 (COVID-19 vaccine administration inside a patient's home) can be billed in the home setting with procedure codes 0144A or 0154A for individuals 6 through 11 years of age and 5 through 11 years of age, respectively.

MCOs must reprocess affected claims submitted with these procedure codes and date of service on or after October 12, 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 codes 0144A and 0154A for individuals 6 through 11 years of age and 5 through 11 years of age, respectively.

### **Procedure Code 0134A Age Range Update**

Effective for dates of service on or after October 12, 2022, the age range for COVID-19 vaccine administration code 0134A has changed from 18 years of age or older to 12 years of age or older.

This procedure code is a benefit of Medicaid and CHIP for the administration of the Moderna COVID-19 Omicron-specific, bivalent booster dose to individuals 12 years of age or older.

HHSC will continue to cover procedure code 0134A as non-risk payments.

As a reminder, vaccine procedure code 91313 is informational only while the vaccine is distributed to providers free of charge.

As of October 12, 2022, procedure code M0201 (COVID-19 vaccine administration inside a patient's home) can be billed in the home setting with procedure code 0134A for individuals 12 years of age or older.

MCOs must reprocess affected claims submitted with this procedure code and date of service on or after October 12, 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 0134A for individuals 12 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](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/provider-information.aspx) for more information.

## **RESOURCES**

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-authorizes-moderna-and-pfizer-biontech-bivalent-covid-19-vaccines>

TMHP provider notification: [COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Procedure Codes 0144A and 0154A Are Now Benefits; Age Range Updated for Procedure Code 0134A | TMHP](#)