

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Texas COVID-19 Vaccine Claim Submission

Effective: December 28, 2020

In response to the current novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency situation, OptumRx is preparing for the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. OptumRx will support UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Texas in the coverage of claims submitted for COVID-19 vaccines.

Please review the following to ensure continuity of care for members. OptumRx will be updating UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Texas's pharmacy benefits to include COVID-19 vaccine coverage, based on Texas Health and Human Services Commission's direction, beginning December 28, 2020.

BACKGROUND

- Beginning December 28, 2020, Texas Medicaid and CHIP will offer COVID-19 vaccines as a pharmacy benefit. There is no cost-sharing or copays for CHIP as this is a preventative service.

CLAIM SUBMISSION

When submitting a claim for the COVID-19 vaccine administration fee, submission should include the NCPDP fields as depicted below and follow recommended guidance.

	NCPDP Field Number	First Dose	Second Dose (If Applicable)
Professional Service Code (DUR-PPS)	440-E5	MA	MA
Day Supply	405-D5	1-Day	1-Day
Submission Clarification Code (SCC)	420-DK	2	6
Ingredient Cost Submitted	409-D9	\$0.00 (\$0.01 if system requires)	\$0.00 (\$0.01 if system requires)
Dispensing Fee Submitted	412-DC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Basis of Cost Determination	423-DN	15 (Free Product)	15 (Free Product)
Incentive Amount Submitted	438-E3	\$16.94	\$28.39
Product / Service ID / NDC	407-D7	EUA approved NDC	EUA Approved NDC
Fill Number	403-D3	00	01*

*If submitted by the same pharmacy.

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- Pharmacies should administer vaccines according to manufacturers' guidance and in accordance with the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Provider Agreement and State / local jurisdiction immunization program requirements.
 - COVID-19 vaccine administration requires registration with the DSHS Immunization Program Portal. Enrollment is required to receive and administer any approved COVID-19 vaccine. For further COVID-19 enrollment information, please visit the DSHS website at, <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/provider-information.aspx>.
 - To register with the Texas Department of State Health Services, register here: <https://enrolltexasiz.dshs.texas.gov>.
 - For questions about registration, please call the DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Provider hotline at (877) 835-7750, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday or email COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov.

- Pharmacies may utilize a SCC 42 in response to a rejection regarding prescriber NPI when the prescribing NPI is the pharmacist of record and is compliant with state and federal guidance.
 - Per National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) guidance, the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the pharmacist administering the vaccine or supervising pharmacist must be listed in the prescriber field. The supervising pharmacist must be used if the pharmacy staff administering the vaccine does not have a NPI (e.g., interns).
 - Note: The billing pharmacy submitting the claim must be enrolled in Texas Medicaid. The pharmacists administering a COVID vaccine do not have to enroll with Medicaid.

- OptumRx payment for providers will align with Medicare payments for first and second vaccine dose for administration:
 - Administration cost for two dose vaccine: first dose \$16.94 / second dose \$28.39
 - Administration cost for a single dose vaccine: \$28.39

OptumRx appreciates all Network Pharmacy Providers additional efforts to ensure continuity of care for our members.

Should you need any clarification regarding this notice, please contact our pharmacy help desk or call the number on the back of the member's ID card.

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