

VACCINES/IMMUNIZATIONS

ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS

In order to receive payment, all eligible servicing and billing provider's National Provider Identifiers (NPI) must be enrolled with South Dakota Medicaid. Servicing providers acting as a locum tenen provider must enroll in South Dakota Medicaid and be listed on the claim form.

South Dakota Medicaid has a streamlined enrollment process for ordering, referring, and attending physicians that may require no action on the part of the provider as submission of claims constitutes agreement to the South Dakota Medicaid Provider Agreement.

The following providers may bill for vaccines/immunizations (hereafter referred to as "vaccines"):

- Clinical nurse specialists
- Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs)
- Health department clinics
- Indian Health Service (IHS)
- Nurse midwives
- Nurse practitioners
- Outpatient and inpatient hospital departments
- Pharmacies
- Physician assistants
- Physicians
- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- Tribal 638 providers

South Dakota Medicaid does not enroll individual pharmacists.

ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

Providers are responsible for checking a recipient's Medicaid ID card and verifying eligibility before providing services. Eligibility can be verified using South Dakota Medicaid's [online portal](#).

The following recipients are eligible for medically necessary services covered in accordance with the limitation described in this chapter:

Coverage Type	Coverage Limitations
Medicaid/CHIP Full Coverage	Medically necessary services covered in accordance with the limitations described in this chapter.
Medicaid – Pregnancy Related Postpartum Care Only (47)	Coverage restricted to family planning and postpartum care only.
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary – Coverage Limited (73)	Coverage restricted to co-payments and deductibles on Medicare A and B covered services.
Medicaid – Pregnancy Related Coverage Only (77)	Coverage restricted to pregnancy related services only including medical issues that can harm the

	life of the mother or baby.
Unborn Children Prenatal Care Program (79)	Coverage restricted to pregnancy related services only including medical issues that can harm the life of the mother or baby.

Refer to the [Recipient Eligibility](#) manual for additional information regarding eligibility including information regarding limited coverage aid categories.

COVERED SERVICES AND LIMITS

South Dakota Medicaid covers medically necessary vaccines and follows the Center for Disease Control immunization schedule, which is available on the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>.

Vaccines may be administered by physicians, other licensed practitioners, or nurses as allowed within their scope of licensure. Vaccines may be administered by a pharmacy when ordered by a physician, other licensed practitioners or under a collaborative agreement per [SDCL 36-11-19.1](#). Flu vaccines do not require an order by a physician or other licensed practitioner if pharmacist meets the criteria in [ARSD Ch. 20:51:28](#). A Primary Care Provider/Health Home Provider referral is not required for vaccines.

Vaccine for Children Program

Providers must obtain vaccines for recipients 18 years of age and under from the Vaccines for Children Program. A list of available vaccines is provided [here](#). South Dakota Medicaid reimburses the administration fee for vaccines available through this program; vaccines are paid at \$0. Providers must bill state supplied vaccines with the SL modifier, indicating the vaccine was supplied through the Vaccine for Children's program. Claims for vaccines that are available through the Vaccines for Children program for recipients 18 years of age and under that do not include the SL modifier will pay at \$0.

Postpartum Coverage

Vaccinations during postpartum coverage are covered if indicated by the CDC. Please note that postpartum coverage may end before the full series of Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccines are administered and the recipient may not have continued Medicaid coverage.

NON-COVERED SERVICES

A vaccine code is not covered when billed without a vaccine administration code. A vaccine administration code is not covered when billed without a vaccine code. Reimbursement for vaccines is not available under IEP services. Please refer to [ARSD 67:16:01:08](#) for additional information about services not covered by South Dakota Medicaid.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Record Retention

Providers must keep legible medical and financial records that fully justify and disclose the extent of services provided and billed to South Dakota Medicaid. These records must be retained for at least 6

years after the last date a claim was paid or denied. Records must not be destroyed when an audit or investigation is pending. Per [ARSD 67:16:01:08](#) health services that are not documented are not covered. Providers must grant access to these records to agencies involved in a Medicaid review or investigation.

REIMBURSEMENT AND CLAIM INSTRUCTIONS

Timely Filing

South Dakota Medicaid must receive a provider's completed claim form within 6 months following the month the service was provided. Requests for reconsiderations will only be considered if they are received within the timely filing period or within 3 months of the date a claim was denied. The time limit may be waived or extended by South Dakota Medicaid if one or more of the following situations exist:

- The claim is an adjustment or void of a previously paid claim and is received within 3 months after the previously paid claim;
- The claim is received within 6 months after a retroactive initial eligibility determination was made as a result of an appeal;
- The claim is received within 3 months after a previously denied claim;
- The claim is received within 6 months after the provider receives payment from Medicare or private health insurance or receives a notice of denial from Medicare or private health insurance; or
- To correct an error made by the department.

Third-Party Liability

Medicaid recipients may have one or more additional source of coverage for health services. South Dakota Medicaid is the payer of last resort, meaning Medicaid only pays for a service if there are no other liable third-party payers. There are a few exceptions to this rule, such as Indian Health Services.

Providers must pursue the availability of third-party payment sources. Third-party liability (TPL) is the legal obligation of a third party to pay for all or part of a recipient's medical cost. Third-party payers include private health insurance, worker's compensation, disability insurance, and automobile insurance. Medicare is primary to South Dakota Medicaid and must be billed first. Any balance after Medicare payment should be billed to other TPL payers prior to billing Medicaid.

Providers should use the [Medicare Crossover billing instructions](#) if the recipient has Medicare coverage and the [Third-Party Liability billing instructions](#) for all other instances of third party liability

Reimbursement

The rate of payment for vaccines is limited to the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge for the vaccine provided or the amount specified on the department's [physician non-laboratory services fee schedule](#). The rate for injections and administration of vaccines is also provided on the fee schedule. If the injection or administration procedure is not listed in the fee schedule, the procedure is payable at 40 percent of the provider's usual and customary charge. Claims for vaccines that are available through the Vaccines for Children program pay at \$0.

Vaccines provided by a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant are reimbursed at the same rate as a physician.

IHS, FQHCs, and RHCs are reimbursed at their applicable encounter rate.

Claim Instructions

Vaccines and vaccine administration are billed on a CMS 1500 Claim Form with the exception of IHS which must be billed on a UB-04 claim form. Please refer to the [Professional Services Billing Manual](#) for CMS 1500 claims instructions and the Institutional Billing manual UB-04 billing instructions. The vaccine code should be billed as 1 unit per vaccine; do not bill in milliliters. Flu vaccine claims do not require a physician or other licensed practitioner order. All other vaccines must include the ordering physician or other licensed practitioner's name and NPI number in block 17 and 17b of the claim form.

Pharmacy Claim Instructions

Pharmacies must submit vaccine claims on a CMS 1500 claim form using the pharmacy's NPI number. Pharmacies must bill vaccine administration using CPT codes 90471, 90472, 90473 or 90474. The administration code must be listed first code listed followed by the appropriate vaccine CPT code. Claims without both CPT codes in the correct order will deny.

Flu vaccine claims do not require a prescriber order. All other vaccines must include the prescriber's name in box 17 and their NPI number in box 17b of the claim form.

Claims for vaccines administered performed by the pharmacy must be submitted with a pharmacy taxonomy code beginning with 3336. Claims submitted without a taxonomy code or with a taxonomy code that does not begin with 3336 will deny.

Vaccines for Children Claim Instructions

Providers must bill state supplied vaccines with the SL modifier.

REFERENCES

- Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD)
 - [67:16:11:05.01](#). Rate of payment – Immunizations
 - [67:16:02:03](#). Rate of payment – (9)
 - [67:16:02:16](#). Billing requirements -- Modifier codes -- Provider identification numbers
- [South Dakota Medicaid State Plan](#)
- [Code of Federal Regulations](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Does a child/adult need a referral from their Primary Care Provider/Health Home Provider for South Dakota Medicaid to cover a vaccine?**

No, a referral is not needed for the administration of a vaccine.

2. **Can a pharmacist bill South Dakota Medicaid for a vaccine?**

No, South Dakota Medicaid does not enroll individual pharmacists. Pharmacies may submit vaccine claims on a CMS 1500 claim form using the pharmacy's NPI number.

3. Can a pharmacy bill for vaccines through the Point of Sale system?

No, pharmacy vaccine claims must be submitted on a CMS 1500 claim form.

4. What reimbursement is available for vaccines acquired through the Vaccines for Children Program?

South Dakota Medicaid reimburses vaccines available through this program that are administered to recipients under age 19 at \$0. The administration fee is reimbursed in accordance with the department's fee schedule.

5. What vaccines are covered for individuals with limited Medicaid coverage?

All medically necessary vaccines that South Dakota Medicaid covers for full coverage recipients are covered for women in aid categories 77, 79 and 47. Medicaid will pay the co-payments and deductibles for recipients on aid category 73 if the vaccine is a Medicare part B covered service.

6. Are vaccines included in an FQHC/RHC/IHS encounter payment?

Yes, vaccines are included in the encounter payment for an office visit/encounter and are also reimbursable at the visit/encounter rate if no office visit occurs.