

# PHYSICIAN ADMINISTERED DRUGS, VACCINES, AND IMMUNIZATIONS

## ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS

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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 tenens provider must enroll in South Dakota Medicaid and be listed on the claim form. Please refer to the [provider enrollment chart](#) for additional details on enrollment eligibility and supporting documentation requirement.

South Dakota Medicaid has a streamlined enrollment process for eligible ordering, referring, and attending providers 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 physician administered drugs and vaccines/immunizations (hereafter referred to as "vaccines") as permitted by their licensure:

- Clinical nurse specialists
- Health department clinics
- Indian Health Service (IHS)
- Nurse midwives
- Nurse practitioners
- Outpatient and inpatient hospital departments
- Pharmacies
- Physician assistants
- Physicians
- Tribal 638 providers

South Dakota Medicaid does not enroll individual pharmacists.

## ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

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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.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiary – Coverage Limited (73)	Coverage restricted to copay, coinsurance, and deductibles on Medicare A and B covered services.
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

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### General Coverage Principles

Providers should refer to the [General Coverage Principles](#) manual for basic coverage requirements all services must meet. These coverage requirements include:

- The provider must be properly enrolled;
- Services must be medically necessary;
- The recipient must be eligible; and
- If applicable, the service must be prior authorized.

The manual also includes non-discrimination requirements providers must abide by.

### Physician Administered Drugs

South Dakota Medicaid covers most drugs and biologics administered in a physician or other licensed practitioner's office that cannot be self-administered. Physician and other licensed practitioners are responsible for ensuring that the treatment is appropriate based on FDA-approved indications, peer-review journals, and standards of practice. To be covered drugs and biologicals must represent an expense to the physician, other licensed practitioner, or legal entity billing Medicaid. Injections by a physician or other licensed practitioner of medications that can be self-administered are not covered unless justified by the recipient's condition.

#### Administration

For physician administered drugs, in addition to the HCPCS drug code, providers may separately bill the applicable administration procedure CPT code 96372 or 96373. The code may be billed once for each injection administered on a date of service

#### Units

Providers must ensure that the units of drugs or biologicals administered to patients are accurately reported in terms of the dosage/units specified in the complete HCPCS code descriptor. Prior to submitting claims providers should review the HCPCS code long descriptor. Provider should not bill units based on the way the drug is package, priced, stored or stocked. The following are examples of how to bill units:

- HCPCS drug descriptor is 10 mg. 700mgs of the drug is administered to the recipient. The units billed is 70.

- HCPCS drug descriptor is 5 mcg. 5 mgs of drug is administered to the recipient. The units billed is 1.
- HCPCS drug descriptor is 25 mg. 250 mgs of the drug is administered to the recipient. The units billed is 10.

#### Pharmacy Acquired Drugs

Drugs that are administered to a patient as part of a clinic or other outpatient visit are not covered under the pharmacy benefit. Do not bill drugs administered during an outpatient visit through the pharmacy POS system. South Dakota Medicaid does not allow “brown-bagging” or “white-bagging” of prescription drugs administered in an office setting. Pharmacies should not dispense drugs directly to a patient if the drugs are intended for use during a clinic or other outpatient visit.

#### Discarded Portion of Administered Drugs

When a provider must discard the remainder of a single use vial or other single use package after administering a dose or quantity of the drug or biological, provider must bill the amount of the unused and discarded drug on a separate claim line using the JW modifier. Providers are expected to use the package size that minimizes the amount of waste billed to South Dakota Medicaid. For example, if a patient needs 50 mg of drug and the product comes in 50 mg and 100 mg vials, providers should use the 50 mg vial. The line with the JW modifier pays at zero. The recipient may not be billed for discarded drugs.

#### Donated Drugs

South Dakota Medicaid does not reimburse providers for drugs donated to a recipient. The administration of the drugs by a provider is covered. Do not include the code for the drug on the claim for administration.

#### 340B Drugs

South Dakota Medicaid does not cover drugs acquired through the 340B program. Providers must “carve out” and not bill South Dakota Medicaid for any drugs acquired through this program. For more information refer to the [340B Drugs](#) manual.

#### National Drug Code (NDC)

Physician administered drugs must be billed with both a HCPCS code and an 11-character NDC with no hyphens or spaces. The Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) requires Medicaid state agencies to collect rebates from participating drug manufacturers for physician-administered or dispensed drugs. An NDC is required as it allows the state to identify which manufacture should be billed for rebates. The NDC is found on the drug container such as a vial, bottle, or tube. The NDC submitted on the claim must be the actual NDC number on the package or container from which the medication was administered. Refer to the [CMS 1500 Claim Instructions](#) for information regarding reporting the NDC on a claim.

### Prior Authorization Criteria and Request Forms

Prior authorization criteria for all products that are physician administered can be found on our [Physician Administered Drugs, Vaccines and Immunizations webpage](#). Corresponding request forms are individualized per product and can be found in the same location.

### **Vaccine Coverage**

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.

### Pharmacy Vaccines

Refer to the [Pharmacy Services](#) manual for coverage, reimbursement, and claim instructions.

### Vaccine for Children Program

Providers must obtain vaccines for recipients 18 years of age and under from the Vaccines for Children Program if the vaccine is available through the 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.

If state supplied vaccines is temporarily unavailable from the VFC program, you must submit the claim on paper with supporting documentation such as a letter from the Department of Health stating they are out of the vaccine.

### Pediatric Vaccination Counseling

South Dakota Medicaid covers vaccination counseling by providers authorized to administer COVID-19 and childhood vaccines, including those authorized under the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act declaration, for children under age 21. Pediatric vaccination counseling consists of discussing CDC vaccine recommendations, benefits, possible side effects, and answering any questions the recipient or their parents have regarding the vaccine(s). Providing a handout or written information does not constitute counseling. Counseling may be provided to a parent or guardian if age appropriate and for the direct benefit of the child. Vaccine counseling and the types of vaccine counseled on must be documented in the medical record. Vaccine counseling is considered included in a well-child visit and is not separately billable in addition to a well-child visit. Counseling is not separately reimbursed if it is or can be included in a vaccine administration code. Pediatric vaccination counseling can be billed using the following codes:

- **G0312 or G0313** - Pediatric vaccine counseling. One unit of G0312 or G0313 is inclusive of all counseling provided that day, including if counseling was for multiple types of non-COVID-19 vaccines.

- **G0314 or G0315** - COVID-19 pediatric vaccine counseling. May be billed in addition to G0312 or G0313. Coverage is temporary and in effect through one year after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

A total of six counseling sessions (three for each code) per recipient, per calendar, year are reimbursable. Counseling may be provided via telemedicine. Counseling may also be provided via audio only if the visit was initiated by the recipient and the recipient does not have access to face-to-face audio/visual telemedicine technology. Telemedicine and audio only services must be billed in accordance with the [Telemedicine Services](#) billing manual.

#### FQHC/RHCs

Refer to the [FQHC/RHCs](#) manual for coverage, reimbursement, and claim instructions.

#### IHS/Tribal 638 Facilities

Refer to the [IHS and Tribal 638 Facilities](#) manual for coverage, reimbursement, and claim instructions.

## NON-COVERED SERVICES

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### **General Non-Covered Services**

Providers should refer to [ARSD 67:16:01:08](#) or the [General Coverage Principles](#) manual for a general list of services that are not covered by South Dakota Medicaid.

### **Vaccine 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 as a service provided by school districts under the individualized education program (IEP) or care plan.

## DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

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### **General Requirements**

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.

Additional documentation is required to be maintained in the recipient's medical record when billing for a medication. Refer to the [Documentation and Record Keeping](#) manual for physician administered drug documentation requirements.

## REIMBURSEMENT AND CLAIM INSTRUCTIONS

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### **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 in certain circumstances. Providers should refer to the [General Claim Guidance](#) manual for additional information.

### **Third-Party Liability**

Medicaid recipients may have one or more additional source of coverage for health services. South Dakota Medicaid is generally the payer of last resort. Providers must pursue the availability of third-party payment sources and should use the Medicare Crossover or Third-Party Liability billing instructions when applicable. Providers should refer to the [General Claim Guidance](#) manual for additional information.

### **Reimbursement**

The rate of payment for physician administered drugs, vaccines, and administration codes is limited to the lesser of the provider's usual and customary charge or the amount specified on the department's [physician non-laboratory services fee schedule](#). If the procedure code 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.

Physician administered drugs and vaccines provided by a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant are reimbursed at the same rate as a physician.

### **Claim Instructions**

Physician administered drugs, vaccines, and administration are billed on a CMS 1500 Claim Form with the exception of IHS, Outpatient Hospitals, and Inpatient Hospitals which must be billed on a UB-04 claim form. Please refer to our [website](#) for CMS 1500 and UB-04 claim 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.

#### UB-04 Claims Documentation

An itemized invoice must be submitted with claims that include billed charges totaling a \$100,000 or more for Revenue Codes 250-259, 630-636, and 890-899.

Hospitals are required to report vaccine administration charges under the revenue code 0771.

#### Vaccines for Children Claim Instructions

Providers must bill state supplied vaccines with the SL modifier.

## **REFERENCES**

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- 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](#)

## QUICK ANSWERS

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- 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 recipient receive a vaccine at a pharmacy?**

Yes, please refer to the [Pharmacy Services](#) manual for coverage, reimbursement, and claim instructions.

- 3. Can a recipient acquire a physician administered drug through a pharmacy and take it to a physician or other licensed practitioner for administration?**

No, physician administered drugs must not be billed to South Dakota Medicaid through the point of sale.

- 4. If a recipient's primary health insurance requires a physician administered drug to be dispensed by a particular pharmacy, how should the drug be billed to South Dakota Medicaid?**

South Dakota Medicaid does not cover physician administered drugs through the point of sale. The drug must be billed to South Dakota Medicaid on a CMS 1500 claim form.

- 5. 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.

- 6. 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 79. Vaccines in the postpartum period for women in Aid category 79 are limited to vaccines administered during the inpatient stay. Medicaid will pay the co-payments and deductibles for recipients on aid category 73 if the vaccine is a Medicare part B covered service.

- 7. Are vaccines included in an FQHC/RHC encounter payment?**



Vaccines/immunizations and administration are factored into each provider's PPS rate and are reimbursed as part of the PPS per diem when furnished incidental to a reimbursable medical PPS encounter. It is recommended that providers screen a recipient's immunization status and administer appropriate vaccines when seeing a recipient for their Well-Child or Well-Adult visit. For purposes of data collection, it is required that immunizations provided during a PPS encounter be included on the claim for PPS reimbursement.

FQHCs/RHCs are allowed to bill for vaccines/immunizations and the associated administration provided on a date of service when a billable medical encounter did not occur. Standalone vaccines/immunizations may not be billed under the FQHCs/RHCs billing NPI. FQHC/RHCs billing for standalone vaccines/immunizations must utilize/acquire a separate billing NPI under a group enrollment with associated servicing NPIs and bill accordingly. The servicing provider must be enrolled with South Dakota Medicaid. Standalone vaccines/immunizations and the associated administration code will be reimbursed on a fee for service basis. Vaccines/immunizations may not be administered on a separate day than an FQHC/RHC encounter for the purpose of increasing the provider's reimbursement. For more information please refer to the FQHC/RHC Services manual.