

Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Provider Notice: 2024-2025 Influenza Season

Influenza Vaccine Administration

Beginning September 15, 2024, the Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy Program will reimburse enrolled pharmacies for influenza vaccines and administration of the vaccines for Medicaid recipients who are nineteen years of age and older when the administering pharmacist is an enrolled Medicaid provider.

A pharmacist may administer the influenza vaccine to recipients 3 years of age and older through December 31, 2024 according to the PREP Act. Effective January 1, 2025, the reinstatement of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy state law will allow pharmacist administration of the influenza vaccine to individuals 7 years of age and older. Counseling for vaccines will be reimbursed for recipients less than 21 years old when the vaccine is administered and criteria has been met. Refer to <https://www.lamedicaid.com/Provweb1/Pharmacy/pharmacyindex.htm> for additional information.

The cost of the vaccine will not be reimbursed for recipients under the age of nineteen as these vaccines are available through the Louisiana Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. If FFS Medicaid is billed for a recipient 18 years or younger, the administration fee will be reimbursed for these recipients.

Pharmacists who have the Authority to Administer authorized by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy may administer the vaccine. These pharmacists may be issued individual Medicaid provider numbers. To confirm or request Medicaid enrollment, authorized pharmacists should contact Gainwell Provider Enrollment by phone at 225-216-6370. Additionally, pharmacists who have the Authority to Administer should acquire a National Provider Identifier (NPI) and report this number to Gainwell Provider Enrollment.

The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy adopted the following motion: “for the purpose of recordkeeping and facilitating access to immunizations for the public, and in the interest of the public's health, safety and welfare, pharmacists administering immunizations without a prescription or medical order shall create a record in their prescription files which contains a prescription number and lists the immunizing pharmacist as the prescriber.” Please refer to the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy website at www.pharmacy.la.gov, ACT 287 of the 2010 Louisiana Legislature, and ACT 769 of the 2014 Louisiana Legislature for more information.

When submitting claims without prescriptions authorized by a prescribing practitioner, the vaccinating pharmacist shall enter his/her Louisiana Medicaid provider number or NPI in NCPDP field 411-DB (Prescriber ID) and in NCPDP field 444-E9 (Provider ID). When a prescription does

exist, the prescribing practitioner's Medicaid provider number or NPI shall be entered into NCPDP field 411-DB (Prescriber ID). In this scenario, the vaccinating pharmacist's Louisiana Medicaid provider number or NPI shall be entered into NCPDP field 444-E9 (Provider ID).

Administration Fee Reimbursement

Reimbursement of the influenza vaccine administration fee is limited to the fees noted below:

Vaccine	Maximum Administration Fee Reimbursement
Influenza Vaccine, Preservative Free, IM	\$15.22 if first vaccine, then \$9.13 for each additional vaccine with the same date of service
Influenza Vaccine, IM	\$15.22 if first vaccine, then \$9.13 for each additional vaccine with the same date of service
Influenza Vaccine, Intranasal	\$10.80

To be reimbursed for the costs of the influenza vaccines and administration fees, pharmacies must submit the following information utilizing the NCPDP D.0 format. The following fields will be required as part of the Point of Sale (POS) claim:

NCPDP Field Number	NCPDP Field Name	Value	Comment
407-D7	Product/Service ID	11 Digit NDC	Vaccine NDC
409-D9	Ingredient Cost Submitted	Usual and Customary Charge	Usual and Customary Charge of the Vaccine
411-DB	Prescriber ID	Prescriber/Pharmacist Medicaid Number or NPI	Enter the Prescriber's LA Medicaid Issued Number or NPI OR in the Absence of a Prescription, the Vaccinating Pharmacist's LA Medicaid Issued Number or NPI
438-E3	Incentive Amount Submitted	Usual Administration Fee	Usual Amount Charged for Vaccine Administration
473-7E	DUR/PPS Code Counter	1	Number of Occurrences
440-E5	Professional Service Code	MA	Medication Administration
444-E9	Provider ID	Pharmacist Medicaid Number or NPI	The Vaccinating Pharmacist's LA Medicaid Issued Number or NPI
465-EY	Provider ID Qualifier	05 07	NPI State Issued

Vaccine and administration fee claims submitted without a value of MA entered into NCPDP field 440-E5 (Professional Service Code) will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code E5 (M/I Professional Service Code) mapped to

EOB code 431 (Missing/Invalid Professional Service Code).

Only credentialed pharmacists who are enrolled with Louisiana Medicaid may be included in the claim submission. Their Medicaid assigned provider number or NPI must be entered in NCPDP field 444-E9 (Provider ID). If the pharmacist is not enrolled, the claim will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code E9 (M/I Provider ID) mapped to

EOB code 210 (Provider Not Certified for This Procedure).

If the pharmacist's assigned provider number or NPI is missing or invalid or if a pharmacy's NPI is entered in NCPDP field 444-E9 (Provider ID), the claim will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code E9 (M/I Provider ID) mapped to

EOB code 444 (Missing/Invalid Service Provider).

A value of 07 (State Issued) or 05 (NPI) must be entered into NCPDP field 465-EY (Provider ID Qualifier). If an inappropriate qualifier or no qualifier is entered, the claim will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code EY (M/I Provider ID Qualifier) mapped to

EOB code 509 (Missing/Invalid Service Provider ID Qualifier).

When influenza vaccine claims are submitted with an NDC other than one for an influenza vaccine (2024-2025) Influenza Season, the claim will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code 70 (Product/Service Not Covered) mapped to

EOB 233 (Procedure/NDC Not Covered for Service Date Given).

The usual amount charged for a vaccine administration fee should be entered in NCPDP field 438-E3 (Incentive Amount Submitted). When the amount submitted is zero, the claim will deny with:

NCPDP rejection code E3 (M/I Incentive Amount Submitted) mapped to

EOB 089 (Missing/Invalid Incentive Amount).

Reimbursed claims for recipients under the age of nineteen will be post with the educational **EOB 649** (Administration Only Is Reimbursable). Vaccine counseling reimbursement will still apply for recipients 21 years and younger according to program policy.

Claims for vaccines and administration fees will process without edits for the:

- Four prescription monthly limit,
- Requirements to bill other insurance, and
- Lock-in.

All other pharmacy editing will remain in place.

Recipients will be exempt from copays for the influenza vaccine.

If you have any questions about billing, please contact the **Gainwell Pharmacy Point-of-Sale Helpdesk at 1-800-648-0790**. If you have concerns or comments regarding this correspondence, you may contact the Fee-for-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-800-437-9101.

Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program, as well as your service to our recipients, are greatly appreciated.