



COVID-19 Vaccines and Coverage

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, pharmaceutical companies have moved to produce vaccines. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has given Pfizer an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for its vaccine. Moderna has also applied for an EUA to begin vaccinating the public.

Federal and state health officials are working with the medical community to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine.

Rollout Projections: The federal government is working with drug companies to have [300 million doses](#) by the end of January 2021. Health care workers and long-term care facility residents have priority access. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) projected rollout is below:

Phase	Access	Projected Start Date
1a	Health care workers	December 2020
1b	Long-term care facility residents via federal partnership with Walgreens and CVS	December 2020
2	Vaccinate broader population with the help of retail pharmacies	January 2021
3	Integrate vaccination into routine vaccine programs like influenza vaccine	Fall 2021

Initially, the federal government will pay for the vaccine. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of TX (BCBSTX) will cover administration of the vaccine as noted below:

Medicaid

- Most Medicaid members will have no cost-sharing on vaccines from in- and out-of-network providers. See the CMS [Medicaid toolkit](#) for more details.

Reimbursement:

- In-network providers will be reimbursed for the administration fee based on contracted rates.

Balance billing: Providers are prohibited from billing patients for the vaccine or its administration, including balance billing, if the provider received the vaccine at no cost from the government.

Coding claims: CMS and the American Medical Association (AMA) have identified the codes to use in submitting claims. For more information, see [CMS' guidance](#).

Code	Use	Description
91300	Vaccine	Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine SARSCOV2 VAC 30MCG/0.3ML IM
0001A	Admin	Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – First Dose ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 1ST
0002A	Admin	Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – Second Dose ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 2ND
91301	Vaccine	Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine SARSCOV2 VAC 100MCG/0.5ML IM
0011A	Admin	Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – First Dose ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML1ST
0012A	Admin	Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – Second Dose ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML2ND

Dosage: Candidate vaccines may require one or two doses. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses.




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More information:

- CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim [Playbook](#) for Jurisdiction Operations
- [Provider Relief Fund](#) – for reimbursement for administering the COVID-19 vaccine to the uninsured
- [CMS Medicaid Toolkit](#) – Coverage and Reimbursement of COVID-19 Vaccines, Vaccine Administration, and Cost Sharing under Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and Basic Health Program

We continue to monitor information provided by the CDC and other government and health officials. We’ll provide updates when we have them. For the latest information on COVID-19, we recommend visiting the [CDC’s COVID-19 website](#).

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