

## **COVID-19 VACCINE COUNSELING COVERAGE AND REIMBURSEMENT:**

This communication serves to further clarify the updated Medicaid Guidance that was previously posted on the MetroPlusHealth website regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling Coverage criteria and billing. Providers can bill MetroPlusHealth for COVID-19 vaccination counseling **for Medicaid, HIV SNP, and HARP members** to encourage the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The following provider types may bill for COVID-19 vaccine counseling:

- ✓ Physicians
- ✓ Nurse Practitioners (NPs)
- ✓ Licensed Midwives
- ✓ Pharmacists
- ✓ Article 28 clinics billing ordered ambulatory
- ✓ Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
- ✓ Other qualified rate-based providers

### **Coverage Criteria**

Qualified Providers may bill up to four (4) counseling visits per vaccine dose (up to 12 visits per member, annually) -

- In addition to an Evaluation and Management (E&M) or Well Child Visit when all the regulatory criteria are met and documented.
- Whether or not a COVID-19 vaccine is administered during the session
- For unvaccinated Medicaid, HIV SNP, and HARP members, confirming that patient has not received the first or subsequent dose, including booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, **and** does not already have a scheduled appointment to receive the dose.
- Confirming member's vaccination status in the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS), whenever possible
- Strongly recommending the vaccination (*unless medically restricted, in which case, counseling session is not billable*)
- For Children:
  - Using Medicaid enrollee's CIN when billing for counseling provided to a parent, caregiver, or guardian for the benefit of the child, with or without the child present during the counseling session.
  - Confirming patient consent of the parent, guardian, or caregiver (as appropriate)

### **Coding and Reimbursement:**

- Qualified providers should bill using **CPT code 99429** for reimbursement of COVID-19 vaccine counseling session.
- Maximum reimbursement fee for COVID-19 counseling session is \$25.

Please refer to the COVID-19 vaccine coverage and billing guidance for additional details and documentation requirements posted on the **[NYS DOH website](#)**.

MetroPlusHealth Members can earn rewards through the MetroPlus Rewards Program when vaccinated. Please share this information during your COVID-19 vaccine counseling session with the member. Members can learn more about MetroPlus Rewards at 1-800-510-3944 or by visiting **[MetroPlus Rewards](#)**. We greatly appreciate your partnership!