



2022-2023 Vaccine Administration Network

Effective **August 1, 2022**, many Plan Sponsors will reimburse pharmacies for the dispensing and administration of the 2022-2023 influenza vaccines, in addition to non-seasonal vaccines that may be reimbursed year-round. Please note that the vaccines covered can vary on a Plan Sponsor basis. This communication provides general information regarding the CVS Caremark® Vaccine Administration Network and claims processing information.

2022-2023 NDCs will be effective on August 1, 2022, or thereafter as they are released into the Medi-Span database. Please rely upon the claims adjudication response for determination of coverage at the time of administration. Additionally, Plan Sponsors may implement coverage of 2022-2023 vaccines and administration at any time on or after August 1, 2022.

Network Enrollment Information

If your pharmacy has NOT enrolled in the vaccine administration network, meets all the certification and state/federal requirements for vaccine administration, and would like to participate, please follow the directions below to request network enrollment information.

If you are unsure of your participation status, you do not need to request enrollment forms unless you receive administration claim rejects with **Reject 40** indicating you are not enrolled in the network.

Please fax your request for the Vaccine Administration and Non-Vaccine Injectable Network Enrollment Form to **401-406-3514**. Include your name, pharmacy name, pharmacy NCPDP and NPI.

Claims Submission Information

When submitting administered vaccine claims to CVS Caremark (MetroPlus Health Plan's Pharmacy Benefit Manager), utilize "MA code processing" using the fields on page 2. All Plan Sponsors who do cover vaccine administration are currently utilizing the MA code and incentive amount to trigger payment for an administration.

Field #	NCPDP Segment & Field Name	Required Vaccine Administration Information for Processing
44Ø-E5	DUR/PPS Segment Professional Service Code Field	MA (Medication Administration)
438-E3	Pricing Segment Incentive Amount Submitted Field	≥ \$0.01 (Submit Administration Fee)
426-DQ	Pricing Segment Usual and Customary Charge	Submit your U&C drug cost + Administration Fee

Submit the appropriate quantity (e.g., 0.5 ml) and the appropriate days' supply. Inappropriate quantities or days' supply may cause the claim to reject.

State-Supplied Vaccine Programs



When submitting claims for products covered under state-supplied vaccine programs, pharmacies must also include the following fields:

Field #	NCPD Field Name	Required Vaccine Administration Information for Processing
409-D9	Pricing Segment Ingredient Cost Submitted	\$0.00
423-DN	Pricing Segment Basis of Cost Determination	15 (Free product or no associated cost)

Dispensing the Vaccine Only

If Provider dispenses the vaccine medication only, submit the drug cost electronically according to current claims submission protocol, without populating NCPDP fields 440-E5 and 438-E3 as described for administering vaccines.

What if the plan does not participate in the vaccine administration network?

- If you receive **REJECT 818** when submitting the MA code and incentive amounts, the Plan Sponsor **DOES NOT** cover the administration for that vaccine. This does not mean the drug is not covered.
- Provider may then re-submit a drug only claim without the MA code and incentive fee to receive reimbursement for **vaccine ingredient cost and dispensing fee only**. If you receive **REJECT 70** when submitting the claim without the MA code and incentive amounts, then the vaccine is not considered a Covered Item by the Plan Sponsor under the pharmacy benefit.
- Provider may bill the member's medical insurance carrier (if Provider has an agreement with the member's medical insurance carrier) for the administration of vaccines.

Pricing

Please consult the Network Enrollment Form for specific details regarding reimbursement.

Please rely on CVS Caremark's on-line system response to determine Medicare Part D vaccine drug coverage for Medicare Part D plans adjudicating through CVS Caremark.

In-store Flu Clinics

If your pharmacy is holding in-store flu clinics, be sure members are referred to the pharmacy counter to determine coverage through pharmacy benefits. Only the claims adjudication system can ensure accuracy of coverage for members whose vaccines are covered through their pharmacy benefit.

As a reminder—pharmacists are required to be certified and/or trained to administer vaccines. Please check with individual state boards of pharmacy to determine if pharmacists can administer vaccines in your respective state(s).

The information provided in this notice is intended to assist participating providers with claim submission. If you do not participate and do not intend to participate in a particular client-specific or other contracted vaccine administration network, please disregard this information.