

PUBLIC NOTICE

June 30, 2022

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0019 Preventive Services Vaccines. The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, will submit this proposed SPA to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective July 1, 2022, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #22-0019.

1. State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0019 is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid (DOM) to update rates for preventative services according to the appropriate payment methodology for the service.
2. The total estimated increase in annual aggregate expenditures associated with updating rates that are based on the Medicare physician fee schedule is expected to be \$3,206,530 for State Fiscal Year 2023. This estimated economic impact includes the impact of the rate updates proposed in MS SPAs 22-0009, 22-0011, 22-0012, 22-0013, 22-0015, 22-0017, 22-0018, 22-0022 and the professional service rates included in MS SPAs 22-0019 and 22-0020. The total estimated increase in aggregate expenditures associated with updating rates for vaccines is \$26,090.
3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this proposed SPA to be in compliance with 42 C.F.R. § 447.201 which requires all policy and methods used in setting payment rates for services be included in the State Plan. The changes made in this State Plan Amendment are to comply with Miss. Code § 43-13-117, as amended by MS House Bill 657, effective July 1, 2022. Additional authority: Miss. Code § 43-13-121.
4. A copy of the proposed SPA will be available in each county health department office and in the Department of Human Services office in Issaquena County for review. A hard copy can be downloaded and printed from www.medicaid.ms.gov, or requested at 601-359-2081 or by emailing at DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov.
5. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at www.medicaid.ms.gov.
6. A public hearing on this SPA will not be held.

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METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES-OTHER TYPES OF CARE

13c. Preventive Services:

The Division of Medicaid reimburses for vaccines and vaccine administration at the lower of the provider's usual and customary charge or the below.

Vaccine Ingredient Cost:

The federal Vaccine for Children (VFC) program provides vaccines free of charge to VFC enrolled providers. The Division of Medicaid does not reimburse for the cost of vaccines supplied through the VFC program.

Vaccines not covered through the VFC program are reimbursed:

1. In the pharmacy setting, at the actual acquisition cost (AAC) of the vaccine and are listed on the Division of Medicaid's website at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#>. The AAC is defined as the wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) plus 0% for any claim type.
2. In the office setting, according to Attachment 4.19B, page 12a.3.

Vaccine administration for VFC vaccines is the lower of the HHS regional maximum fee or the Mississippi Medicaid physician fee schedule as follows:

1. Physicians and non-physician practitioners as outlined in Attachment 4.19-B, page 5a.
2. Pharmacy providers are reimbursed the same fee as non-physician practitioner that has attested as a primary care physician (PCP).
3. To receive reimbursement for vaccine administration to a VFC-eligible beneficiary, a physician, non-physician practitioner, or pharmacy provider or must also be enrolled as a VFC provider.

Vaccine administration for non-VFC vaccines:

1. For a pharmacist employed by a Mississippi Medicaid pharmacy provider and non-physician practitioner that has attested as a primary care physician (PCP) are located in Attachment 4.19-B, page 5a.
2. For a physician is located on the physician fee schedule at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/>.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. All rates are published at www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#.

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