

# Highmark Reimbursement Policy Bulletin



**Bulletin Number:** RP-064  
**Subject:** Government Supplied Vaccinations and Antibody Treatments  
**Effective Date:** October 26, 2020      **End Date:**  
**Issue Date:** December 30, 2024      **Revised Date:** December 2024  
**Date Reviewed:** December 2024  
**Source:** Reimbursement Policy

<b>Applicable Commercial Market</b>	PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Applicable Medicare Advantage Market</b>	PA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	WV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Applicable Claim Type</b>	UB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1500	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

➔ A checked box indicates the policy is applicable to that market either entirely, or partially, as indicated within the policy.

Reimbursement Policy designation of Professional or Facility application is based on how the provider is contracted with the Plan. This Policy supersedes direction provided in Bulletins prior to the effective date of this policy.

## PURPOSE:

This policy addresses reimbursement guidelines for vaccines provided at no cost to the provider by a state or federal agency.

## DEFINITIONS:

SL Modifier: State supplied vaccine

## REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:

### Vaccines and Vaccine Administration

The Plan does not reimburse for vaccine(s) obtained at no cost to the provider. Modifier SL is used to identify the vaccine(s) was obtained at no cost to the provider. The Plan will reimburse for the administration of the vaccine(s) in accordance with the patient's benefit coverage. The SL modifier should **not** be appended to the administration code.

Report the administration of state-supplied vaccines as follows:

1. Procedure codes for both the vaccine supply and the administration should be submitted on the same claim.
2. Report the vaccine supply using the appropriate procedure code(s) and append modifier SL for the vaccines administered.

3. Report the administration service(s) with the CPT code(s) that accurately reflects the administration of the vaccine(s). Do not append modifier SL to the administration procedure code(s).

Administration codes include vaccine risk/benefit counseling when performed. Therefore, a separate evaluation and management (E/M) code should **not** be reported, unless performed as a separately identifiable service distinct from the vaccine administration and documented in the medical records. E/M services submitted as separately identifiable and distinct from the administration service should be reported with modifier 25 appended to the line.

Applicable Administration codes:

\*90460 \*90461 \*90471 \*90472 \*90473 \*90474 G0008 G0009 G0010

**\*Note:** Do not report codes 90460–90474 for the administration of SARS-CoV-2 (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccines.

#### Coronavirus [COVID-19] (SARS-CoV-2) Vaccine and Administration

Effective January 1, 2022, the Plan **will** separately reimburse for the vaccine(s) and administration(s) of the vaccine(s) in accordance with the patient's benefit coverage. E/M services submitted as separately identifiable and distinct from the administration service should be reported with modifier 25 appended to the line. Please see history versions of this policy for reimbursement direction prior to January 1, 2022.

Applicable coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine codes:

91304 91311 91318 91389 91320 91321 91322

Applicable coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine administration codes:

\*M0201 90480

**Note:** Report SL modifier with codes for vaccines received for free.

**\*Note:** M0201 will only be reimbursed in the Home place of service when billed by itself or with a coronavirus vaccine code and/or coronavirus vaccine administration code.

#### Coronavirus [COVID-19] (SARS-CoV-2) Antibody Treatment and Antibody Treatment Administration

Effective January 1, 2022, the Plan **will** separately reimburse for the antibody treatment(s) and administration(s) of the antibody treatment(s) in accordance with the patient's benefit coverage, for dates of service between January 1, 2022, and the effective date in which the EUA was rescinded for that service.

E/M services submitted as separately identifiable and distinct from the administration service should be reported with modifier 25 appended. See policy history versions for direction prior to January 1, 2022.

Applicable Antibody Treatment codes:

Q0220 Q0221 Q0222 Q0240 Q0243 Q0244 Q0245 Q0247

Applicable Antibody Treatment Administration codes:

M0220 M0221 M0222 M0223 M0240 M0241 M0243 M0244  
M0245 M0246 M0247 M0248 M0250 M0249 Q0249

Effective March 22, 2024, the plan will reimburse for the use of Pemivibart.

Applicable codes: M0224 Q0224

**Note:** Report SL modifier with codes for antibody treatments that were received for free.

The FDA has rescinded the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the monoclonal antibody therapy and COVID vaccine services listed below. These treatments, as well as the administration thereof, will not be separately reimbursed on and after the date indicated.

Effective November 30, 2022, for Bebtelovimab: Q0222 M0222 M0223

Effective April 5, 2022, for Xevudy (sotrovimab): Q0247 M0247 M0248

Effective January 24, 2022 for Bamlanivimab and Etesevimab: Q0245 M0245 M0246

Effective January 24, 2022, for Casirivimab and Imdevimab:

Q0240 Q0243 Q0244 M0240 M0241 M0243 M0244

Effective January 26, 2023, for Tixagevimab and Cilgavimab: Q0220 Q0221 M0220 M0221

Effective April 18, 2023, for Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccines:

0001A 0002A 0003A 0004A 0011A 0012A 0013A 0051A 0052A 0053A 0054A  
0064A 0071A 0072A 0073A 0074A 0081A 0082A 0083A 0091A 0092A 0093A  
0094A 0111A 0112A 0113A 91300 91301 91305 91306 91307 91308 91309  
91311

Effective June 1, 2023, for Janssen Vaccines: 91303 0031A 0034A

## REFERENCES:

- American Medical Association (AMA), *COVID-19 CPT Vaccine and immunization codes*
- American Medical Association (AMA), *CPT Assistant; Special Edition: Vaccine Coding Development for COVID-19*
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); *COVID-19 Vaccines and Monoclonal Antibodies, Medicare Part B Payment for COVID-19 Vaccines and Certain Monoclonal Antibodies during the Public Health Emergency*
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); *Medicare Monoclonal Antibody COVID-19 Infusion Program Instruction*

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); Toolkit on COVID-19 Vaccine: Health Insurance Issuers and Medicare Advantage Plans
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; COVID-19 Vaccination Program Intermim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations

#### POLICY UPDATE HISTORY INFORMATION:

10 / 2020	Implementation
1 / 2021	Added codes 0001A, 0002A, 0011A, 0012A, 0021A, 0022A, 91300, 91301, 91302, G0008, G0009, G0010, Q0239, M0239, Q0243, M0243. Added direction for COVID vaccine and antibody treatments. Added Medicare Advantage and reference sections.
2 / 2021	Added notes for modifier SL reporting for COVID related codes.
3 / 2021	Added codes Q0245, M0245, 0031A, 91303 to both MA and Commercial sections.
5 / 2021	Added codes M0244 and M0246 to both MA and Commercial sections.
7 / 2021	Removed codes Q0239 and M0239. Added M0201, Q0244, Q0247, M0247 and M0248 to both MA and Commercial section.
8 / 2021	Added codes M0249, M0250, Q0249 0003A and 0013A. Added direction for M0201.
9 / 2021	Added codes M0240, M0241, Q0240.
10 / 2021	Added code 0004A.
11 / 2021	Added NY region applicable to the policy. Added codes 0034A, 0064A, 0071A, 0072A, 91306, and 91307.
1 / 2022	Added Delaware Medicare Advantage applicable to the policy. Extended the time period in which CMS will be reimbursing the coronavirus services and the reimbursement change for MA vaccine administration. Added codes Q0220, M0220, M0221.
2 / 2022	Added codes 91305, 0051A, 0052A, 0053A, 0054A, 0073A
3 / 2022	Added codes Q0221, Q0222, M0222, M0223. Updated reimbursement direction for SARs Cov2 vaccines and antibody services including administrations.
4 / 2022	Updated direction for codes Q0247, M0247, and M0248.
6 / 2022	Added 0074A.
8 / 2022	Added 0081A - 0083A, 0111A - 0113A, 0091A - 0094A, 91308, 91311.
9 / 2022	Added 91312, 91313, 0124A, 0134A.
10 / 2022	Updated direction for codes Q0240, Q0243, Q0244, M0240, M0241, M0243, and M0244.
11 / 2022	Added 91314, 91315, 0144A, 0154A, 0044A
1 / 2023	Added 0104A, 0164A, 0173A, 91316, 91317. Updated direction for codes Q0222, M0222, M0223 and corrected the rescinded date for Bamlanivimab and Etesevimab.
2 / 2023	Updated direction for codes Q0220, Q0221, M0220, M0221
4 / 2023	Added 0174A
5 / 2023	Updated direction for codes 0001A - 0004A, 0011A - 0013A, 0051A - 0054A, 0064A, 0071A - 0074A, 0081A - 0083A, 0091A - 0094A, 0111A - 0113A, 91300, 91301, 91305 - 91309, 99311. Added codes 0121A, 0141A, 0142A, 0151A, 0171A, 0172A.
7 / 2023	Updated direction for 91303, 0031A, 0034A
10 / 2023	Added 90480, 91318 - 91322. Removed 91312 - 91316, 0121A - 0174A
11 / 2023	Removed codes 91300 - 91303, 91305 - 91309, and 0001A - 0013A.
12 / 2024	Added codes M0224 and Q0224