

Rural health clinics (RHCs) and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) billing for vaccines

Summary of change: Effective immediately, vaccines and vaccine administration codes covered by the Vaccines for Children program (VFC) provided by RHCs and FQHCs should be billed on the claim, even though they are not reimbursed separately from the encounter rate. This is so the data for each vaccine can be collected.

✦ **What this means to you:** RHCs and FQHCs should begin including the vaccines and vaccine administration codes on their claims, for all claims going forward.

What is the impact of this change? As noted in the *Rural Health Clinic/Federally Qualified Health Center Fee-for-Service Provider Manual*, “the administration of vaccine, immunization, or other injections should be considered content of service and not be billed as an encounter or as a service under any other Medicaid provider number. When this service is billed, it will deny as content of service. However, though this service is not separately reimbursable, for purposes of Kansas immunization data collection, it is requested that immunizations provided solely through the Vaccines for Children program (VFC) be billed.”

Administration codes

- 90460 – Immunization administration through 18 years of age via any route of administration, with counseling by physician or other qualified health care professional; first or only component of each vaccine or toxoid administered
- 90471 – Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)
- 90472 – Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)
- 90473 – Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)
- 90474 – Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.