

ALASKA  
**COVID-19**  
**VACCINE TASK FORCE**

**COVID-19 Vaccination Cost Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers**

<http://Covidvax.Alaska.gov>

- The State of Alaska’s goal is to ensure all Alaskans have access to the COVID vaccine at no charge.
- The federal government has purchased the vaccine and is allocating supply to the states for distribution. There is no cost to the state or the consumer for the vaccine.
- Medicare, Medicaid, Affordable Care Act (ACA) compliant health plans, and many other employer-based plans (i.e. AlaskaCare) will cover the administration costs charged by health care providers and facilities without cost sharing.
- Insurance claims for the COVID-19 vaccine should be submitted similarly to how claims are submitted for other vaccines. Health care providers should refer to billing guidance of the relevant payer to ensure correct billing. Claims may be submitted electronically or manually using paper.
- ACA-compliant plans and most other employer-based plans will reimburse network providers at the network contracted rate. Under ACA-compliant plans, providers are not permitted to balance bill consumers.
- ACA-compliant plans are required to cover administration charges from out-of-network providers and pay a “reasonable” rate to the out-of-network provider. The Division of Insurance is recommending that providers bill private payers at 150% of the Alaska Medicare rate.
- The Alaska Medicare Fee schedule is determined by CMS.
  - Through 12/31/2020
    - \$21.50 for the first vaccine dose
    - \$36.02 for the second vaccine dose
    - \$36.02 for vaccines requiring a single dose only
  - Effective 1/1/2021
    - \$20.89 for the first vaccine dose
    - \$35.01 for the second vaccine dose
    - \$35.01 for vaccines requiring a single dose only
- The [Alaska Medicaid Fee Schedule](#) rate is based on Medicare nonfacility individual relative value units (RVU).
  - Medical: Refer to the respective AK Medicaid Fee Schedules (Physician/PAC, APRN or Pharmacist)
  - Pharmacy: Refer to AK Medicaid Pharmacist Renderer Fee Schedule
- Private payers subject to regulation by the Division insurance will reimburse at 150% of the Alaska Medicare Rate:
  - Through 12/31/2020

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- \$32.25 for the first vaccine dose
- \$54.03 for the second vaccine dose
- \$54.03 for vaccines requiring a single dose only
- Effective 1/1/2021
  - \$31.35 for the first vaccine dose
  - \$52.51 for the second vaccine dose
  - \$52.51 for vaccines requiring a single dose only

CMS has released new codes specific for the vaccines. Please see the below chart for basic information. Additional information can be found through payers or CMS.

Vaccine code	Descriptor	Administration codes	Manufacturer	Name	NDC 10/NDC11 Labeler Product ID	Dosing interval
91300	SARS-CoV-2 COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 30 mcg/0.3mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, for intramuscular use	0001A(1 <sup>st</sup> dose) 0002A(2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	Pfizer, Inc	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine	59267-1000-1 59267-1000-01	21 days

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91301	SARS-CoV-2 COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 100 mcg/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use	0011A (1 <sup>st</sup> dose) 0012A(2 <sup>nd</sup> dose)	Moderna, Inc	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine	80777-273-10  80777-0273-10	28 days
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Individuals without Medicaid, Medicare or another insurance plan should not be turned away from receiving the vaccine. Health care providers can submit claims for uninsured or underinsured to the Health Resources & Services Administration. More information can be found here:

<https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim>

If you have questions about how a COVID-19 Vaccine Insurance claim has been handled, please review the billing guidance of the insurer. Billing guidance can be found at:

Aetna	<a href="https://www.aetna.com/health-care-professionals/covid-faq.html">https://www.aetna.com/health-care-professionals/covid-faq.html</a>
AlaskaCare	<a href="http://doa.alaska.gov/drb/newsletters/healthmatters/issue/34.html">http://doa.alaska.gov/drb/newsletters/healthmatters/issue/34.html</a>
Alaska Medicaid	<a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/Pages/COVID19-News.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/Pages/COVID19-News.aspx</a>
Medicare	<a href="https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/medicare-covid-19-vaccine-shot-payment">https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/medicare-covid-19-vaccine-shot-payment</a>

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Moda Health Plan & Moda Assurance Company	<a href="https://www.modahealth.com/community/covid-19/">https://www.modahealth.com/community/covid-19/</a>
Pacific Health Coalition	<a href="https://phcoalition.org/">https://phcoalition.org/</a>
Premera	<a href="https://www.premera.com/ak/provider/coronavirus-faq/?WT.z_redirect=www.premera.com/ak/provider/coronavirus-19-faq/">https://www.premera.com/ak/provider/coronavirus-faq/?WT.z_redirect=www.premera.com/ak/provider/coronavirus-19-faq/</a>
UnitedHealthcare	<a href="https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/resource-library/news/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19/covid19-testing/covid19-testing-claim-coding-submissions.htm">https://www.uhcprovider.com/en/resource-library/news/Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19/covid19-testing/covid19-testing-claim-coding-submissions.htm</a>

Other employer sponsored plans may have slightly different billing guidance and providers are encouraged to contact the third-party administrator.

Alaska’s Operation Warp Speed taskforce, along with external stakeholders, has spent significant time to ensure that providers are promptly paid by the insurers and other private payers without a cost to the consumer. Most plans have agreed to cover the costs of administering the vaccine without a co-pay or other cost sharing. However, not all plans are regulated by the State of Alaska and there may be slight differences in the adjudication of claims.