

Issue Brief

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COVID-19: Updated mRNA Vaccines for Patients 6 Months & Older

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are updating recent FDA changes for Covid-19 vaccines. The update is in a CMS MedLearn newsletter released late on September 14. The communication states that, "On September 11, the [FDA approved and authorized for emergency use](#) updated [Moderna](#) and [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) COVID-19 vaccines formulated to more closely target currently circulating variants and provide better protection against serious consequences of COVID-19, including hospitalization and death. These vaccines have been updated to include a monovalent (single) component that corresponds to the Omicron variant XBB.1.5. The [CDC recommends](#) everyone 6 months and older get an updated COVID-19 vaccine."

Six New CPT Codes Effective September 11, 2023

1. 90480 - COVID-19 Vaccine Administration
2. 91318 - COVID-19 Vaccine, 3 mcg/0.2 mL
3. 91319 - COVID-19 Vaccine, 10 mcg
4. 91320 - COVID-19 Vaccine, 30 mcg
5. 91321 - COVID-19 Vaccine, 25 mcg
6. 91322 - COVID-19 Vaccine, 50 mcg

"The federal government isn't purchasing these products. Medicare Part B pays for the drug and its administration under the applicable Medicare Part B payment policy. Get the [most current list of billing codes, including short descriptors, payment allowances, and effective dates.](#)"

Medicare no longer pays for these CPT Codes as of September 12, 2023:

91312, 91313, 91314, 91315, 91316, 91317, 0121A, 0124A, 0134A, 0141A, 0142A, 0144A, 0151A, 0154A, 0164A, 0171A, 0172A, 0173A, and 0174A