



Payment for Medicare Part B Preventive Vaccines & Their Administration for Rural Health Clinics & Federally Qualified Health Centers

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Affected Providers

- Rural health clinics (RHCs)
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Action Needed

Make sure your billing staff knows about the vaccine payment policies for RHCs and FQHCs:

- Hepatitis B vaccines are paid like other Part B preventive vaccines starting January 1, 2025
- New claim-based payments for Part B preventive vaccines and their administration are starting July 1, 2025
- Updates to the [Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 18](#), section 10.2

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Background

Section 1833(a)(3)(A) of the [Social Security Act](#) specifies that part B preventive vaccines and their administration are exempt from the RHC and FQHC payment limit of 80% of reasonable costs. Therefore, CMS pays for pneumococcal, influenza, and COVID-19 vaccines and their administration in RHCs and FQHCs at 100% of reasonable costs under section 1833(a)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act. For RHCs, we don't include the costs associated with these vaccines and their administration when we determine the All-Inclusive Rate, and we don't subject them to the payment limit. For FQHCs, we don't include these costs under the FQHC Prospective Payment System.

Starting January 1, 2025, we'll pay for hepatitis B vaccines like we do pneumococcal, influenza, and COVID-19 vaccines in RHCs and FQHCs.

Starting July 1, 2025, RHCs and FQHCs can bill for all 4 types of Part B preventive vaccines—pneumococcal, influenza, hepatitis B, and COVID-19 vaccines and their administration—at the time of service with or without a qualifying visit. RHCs and FQHCs can bill HCPCS code M0201 for an in-home additional payment for Part B preventive vaccine administration only if a home visit meets all the requirements of both [42 CFR 405 Subpart X](#), for RHCs and FQHCs services provided in the home, and [42 CFR 410.152\(h\)\(3\)\(iii\)](#), for the in-home additional payment for Part B preventive vaccine administration.

RHCs and FQHCs will need to annually reconcile any payments received at the time of service with the facilities' actual vaccine and vaccine administration costs on their cost reports including any in-home additional costs.

We'll pay the claims like other Part B vaccine and vaccine administration claims:

- Vaccine products at 95% of the Average Wholesale Price
- Vaccine administration according to the National Fee Schedule for Medicare Part B vaccine administration

The Part B vaccine administration fee schedule includes locality adjusted payment rate files for codes G0008, G0009, G0010, 90480, and M0201 with the annual update applied for CY 2025. You can find these files on the [CMS Vaccine Pricing](#) page under the "Seasonal Flu Vaccine" tab for the influenza, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B payment rates and under the "COVID-19 Vaccines & Monoclonal Antibodies" tab for the COVID-19 vaccine payment rates.

More Information

We issued CR 13923 to your MAC as the official instruction for this change. For more information, find your [MAC's website](#).

Document History

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