Effective June 8, 2021, in addition to the current payment amount, Medicare will pay an additional amount of $35 per dose for administering the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine in the home for certain Medicare patients that have difficulties leaving their homes or are hard-to-reach.

Medicare will pay the $35 amount in addition to the standard administration amount (approximately $40 per dose), for a total payment of approximately $75 for a single-dose vaccine or $150 for both doses of a 2-dose vaccine. We also geographically adjust the additional amount and administration rate based on where you administer the vaccine.

### Examples of Patient Situations for which the Additional Payment Amount Applies:

- The patient has a condition that makes them more susceptible to contracting a pandemic disease such as COVID-19.
- The patient is generally unable to leave the home, and if they do leave home it requires a considerable and taxing effort.
- The patient has a disability or faces clinical, socioeconomic, or geographical barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine in settings other than their home.
- The patient faces challenges that significantly reduce their ability to get vaccinated outside the home, such as challenges with transportation, communication, or caregiving.

### Examples of Payment for Vaccine Administration in Different Locations

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<tr>
<th>Location</th>
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<th>Expected Patient Cost-Sharing</th>
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<td>A private residence</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>No Charge to Patient</td>
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<td>Temporary lodging (for example, a hotel or motel, campground, hostel, or homeless shelter)</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>An apartment in an apartment complex or a unit in an assisted living facility or group home</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>A Medicare patient’s home that’s made provider-based to a hospital during the COVID-19 public health emergency</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>Communal space of a multi-unit living arrangement</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>X</td>
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<td>Inpatient Hospital, Medicare skilled nursing facility, or Medicaid nursing facility</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>Outpatient Hospital, Physician Office, or Clinic</td>
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<td>Patient Assisted living facility participating in the CDC’s Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program when their residents are vaccinated through this program</td>
<td>✓</td>
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1You must document the patient’s clinical status or the barriers they face to getting the vaccine outside the home. More information is available online in the Provider Toolkit.

2In response to the COVID-19 PHE, CMS issued several 1135 waivers to let hospitals provide services, including administering vaccines, in temporary expansion sites. CMS doesn’t pay for preventive vaccine administration under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) or the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). So, we pay hospitals to administer COVID-19 vaccines at the same rate even in a non-excepted off-campus provider-based department (PBD), including a patient’s home that is made provider-based to a hospital during the COVID-19 PHE.

3CMS will continue to exercise enforcement discretion to allow Medicare-enrolled immunizers working within their scope of practice and applicable state law to bill directly and receive direct reimbursement from the Medicare program for administering COVID-19 vaccines to Medicare Part A Skilled Nursing Facility residents.

4The CDC’s Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program ended on April 23, 2021. An assisted living facility may qualify as a patient’s home for the additional in-home payment if the facility no longer participates in the program and meets all other criteria for the additional in-home payment.
What Other Restrictions Apply?

Medicare only pays the additional amount for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in the home if the sole purpose of the visit is to administer a COVID-19 vaccine. Medicare doesn’t pay the additional amount if you provide another Medicare service in the same home on the same date. In those situations, Medicare pays approximately $40 per dose for administering the COVID-19 vaccine.

If you administer the COVID-19 vaccine to more than 1 Medicare patient in a single home on the same day, Medicare pays:

- The additional payment amount of approximately $35 only once per date of service in that home
- Approximately $40 to administer each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine

For example, if you administer a single-dose vaccine on the same date to 2 Medicare patients in the same home, Medicare pays approximately $115 ($35 for the in-home vaccine administration rate plus 2 x $40 for each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine).

Coding

- **DO** use the appropriate Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code for the product and dose-specific COVID-19 vaccine administration
- **DO** use the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II code M0201 for the additional payment rate for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in the home

Billing

- **DO** bill for the additional in-home payment amount if the sole purpose of the visit is to administer a COVID-19 vaccine.
- **DO** bill additional payment amount only once per home per date of service.
- **DON’T** bill for the additional amount more than once if you administer the COVID-19 vaccine to more than 1 Medicare patient in a single home on the same day.

Roster Billing

- If you submit roster bills for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in the home, you must submit 2 roster bills:
  - A roster bill containing the appropriate CPT code for the product and dose-specific COVID-19 vaccine administration
  - A second roster bill containing the HCPCS Level II code (M0201) for the additional in-home payment amount
- You may submit a single set of roster bills (one containing M0201 and another containing the appropriate CPT code) for multiple Medicare patients who get the COVID-19 vaccine in their individual units of a multi-unit living arrangement.

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