

Quick Points



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Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) payment for vaccine administration code 90461

Blue Plus is following the Department of Human Services (DHS) guidelines for payment of vaccine administration. Based upon these guidelines, only the single or first vaccine/toxoid component will be reimbursed for Blue Plus MHCP members. Blue Plus reminds providers that, effective January 1, 2011, claim lines submitted for MHCP members with procedure code 90461 are being denied as part of the basic service. See DHS provider communication below:

MHCP-covered Immunization Administration (vaccines/toxoids). Use the following codes to report immunization administration in conjunction with each single or combination vaccine/toxoid code reported.			
Code	Use to report administration of:	Administration route	MHCP limitations
90471	First vaccine (single or combination)	Percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, intramuscular	Do not use with 90473
90472	Each additional vaccine	Percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, intramuscular	Use with 90471 or 90473; list separately
90473	First vaccine (single or combination)	Oral, intranasal	Do not use with 90471
90474	Each additional vaccine	Oral, intranasal	Use with 90471 or 90473; list separately
90460	Single or first vaccine/toxoid component of combination vaccine	Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 years & younger • Physician/health care professional counseling required
90461	Each additional component of combination vaccine	Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List separately • Use only with 90460 (when performing physician/ health care professional counseling) * There is no additional reimbursement for the administration of the additional components of a combination vaccine.

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers the VFC administration reimbursement amount to be paid on a per injection basis, not a per component basis.

DHS website reference

To view the DHS specific information go to the following link:

http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&Redirected=true&dDocName=id_000094

Members impacted

This applies to members enrolled in the following Blue Plus plans:

Product name	Group numbers
Blue Advantage (PMAP) – 18 years and younger	PP021, PP022, PP024, PP025, PP026, PP027, PP031, PP032, PP034, PP035, PP036, PP037
MinnesotaCare – 18 years and younger	PP111, PP112, PP151, PP152

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or toll free at **1-800-262-0820**.