

PROVIDER BULLETIN

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Reimbursement Policy Change to Immunizations with Evaluation and Management Services

Effective February 1, 2019 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will be making changes to the General Coding Immunizations/Vaccines Reimbursement Policy on administration charges billed with vaccine/toxoid.

Immunizations with Evaluation and Management (E/M) services

If only a vaccine immunization is administered, bill only the code for the vaccine/toxoid administered and the applicable administration code.

Reimbursement for vaccines/toxoids and immunization administration that is billed with the following services, Preventive medicine services (99381-99387, 99391-99397, 99401-99404), newborn care services (99460-99463), and illness-related E/M's (99201-99205, 99212-99215) will be allowed **with supporting documentation** and the **correct modifier(s) 25/59**.

Products Impacted

This policy applies to all lines of business.

Coding requirements reminder

All coding and reimbursements are subject to changes, updates, or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (e.g. **HCPCS, CPT, ICD**), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.

Questions?

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

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