



May 10, 2023

RE: Public Health Emergency (PHE) Changes, PHARM-05 Form, Vaccine Billing

PHE Changes

Due to the COVID-19 federal PHE, the quantity limits were relaxed for some medications to improve member access during the pandemic. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that the Covid-19 PHE declared under the Public Health Service (PHS) Act will [expire on May 11, 2023](#). Based on the PHE ending, the quantity limits that were relaxed for some medications during the PHE will be updated back to their original quantity limit effective May 15, 2023. A current list of maintenance medications which can still be filled for a 90-day supply can be accessed on the OHCA website at www.oklahoma.gov/ohca/rx under "Maintenance Drug List and Quantity Limits" then "Maintenance Drug List".

PHARM-05 Pharmacy Prior Authorization (PA) Amendment Form

PHARM-05, a new pharmacy PA amendment form, has been added to the OHCA website at <https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/rxforms> for use on PA changes (e.g., pharmacy change, NDC change, regimen change). Please note, amendments can only be requested on currently approved PAs.

Vaccine Billing Reminders

- **Nursing Home:** As a reminder, influenza and pneumococcal vaccines are not separately payable for SoonerCare members residing in a nursing home. The nursing home is responsible for providing these as part of their payment from SoonerCare. A
- **Pharmacy:** ACIP-recommended vaccines have an administration fee of \$18.34 and should be billed to SoonerCare with the SCC code "42" only. COVID-19 vaccines are eligible for an enhanced administration fee when billed appropriately. During OHCA claim audits, if ACIP-recommended vaccines were billed using SCC codes for COVID-19 vaccines resulting in an administration fee other than \$18.34, then OHCA will recoup the difference in the administration fee. Billing and administration fee information for all vaccines is as follows:

Pharmacy Vaccine Billing Guidance				
Vaccine*	Required Submission Clarification Code(s) (42-DK)		Ingredient Cost Billed	Administration Fee Paid
Covid-19 Vaccines				
Initial Dose	42	02 "Other Override"	\$0.01	\$40.00
Second Dose	42	06 "Starter Dose"	\$0.01	\$40.00
Additional Dose	42	07 "Medically Necessary"	\$0.01	\$40.00
Booster Dose	42	10 "Meets Plan Limitations"	\$0.01	\$40.00
ACIP-Recommended Vaccines*				
Adults (19+)	42	Blank	Cost of vaccine	\$18.34
Children (3-18) via VFC#	42	Blank	\$0.01	\$18.34

*Follow guidelines for vaccine usage and spacing for each dose based on FDA and/or EUA approval for each manufacturer's vaccine.
 *ACIP: Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
 #VFC: Vaccines for Children; See prior COVID-19 Vaccine Fax Blast sent out on 3/15/21 for more information on this program.

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