



Inventory | Policies, Practices or Billing flexibilities on Child Vaccinations

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	Billing Flexibility and annual well visit Policy	Do health plans plan to introduce any new flexibility or policy? If so, please share	Links to current practices/policies.	Other policies, resources or relevant links?
Allways Health	<p>Allways Health payment Policy for billing for vaccines when given after a visit is found within this link: https://bestpractice.allwayshealthpartners.org/blog/national-immunization-awareness-month-help-your-patients-get-vaccinated</p> <p>Another resource for providers related to COVID 19 FAQs and billing policies: https://info.allwayshealthpartners.org/covid19-faq</p>	<p>Allways Health is currently evaluating a new policy for flexibility and billing during COVID for the “split visit” in a similar manner for members.</p>	<p>See first column</p>	<p>Recent blog post regarding vaccines: https://bestpractice.allwayshealthpartners.org/blog/national-immunization-awareness-month-help-your-patients-get-vaccinated</p> <p>Here’s a link to recent blog post about our care management programs with a short note at the top about getting necessary care: https://bestpractice.allwayshealthpartners.org/infographic-get-to-know-our-care-management-programs</p> <p>Allways Health Partners are developing some new content for encourage members to get Back to Care which should be coming out soon!</p>

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<p>Cigna</p>	<p>Both Pediatric and adult patients can have their annual well visit split into two parts, if needed, with a portion done remotely and the vaccination and physical done in-person. Reimbursed at the same rate as in-office visits.</p> <p>Cigna does not recommend or endorse duplicating visits. However, if separate encounters are necessary to ensure the customer receives all of the appropriate preventive services in this pandemic environment (e.g., virtual wellness visit in April 2020 and an in-person wellness visit in July 2020), providers should bill for the specific services performed in each visit, and Cigna will cover those services consistent with existing guidelines. There are currently no claim denials for billing the same wellness visit twice in a calendar year for the same patient, and both visits would be covered</p>	<p>Pediatric patients can have their annual well visit split into two parts, if needed, with a portion done remotely and the vaccination and physical done in-person.</p> <p>Reimbursed at the same rate as in-office visits.</p>	<p>Cigna's Preventive Coverage Determination Guideline/policy.</p> <p>https://cignaforhcp.cigna.com/public/content/pdf/coveragePolicies/medical/AD_A004_administrativepolicy_Preventive_Care_Services.pdf</p>	
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	under the preventive benefit with no customer cost-share for most plans.			
Fallon Health	For the duration of the COVID-19 State of Emergency, plan members can receive their annual well visits via telehealth. Reimbursement is at the same rate as an in-person visit.	Fallon Health will not reimburse an additional Preventive Medicine Service or E/M Service to complete the components of the Preventive Medicine Service that were not performed via telehealth. Fallon will reimburse providers for vaccines (non-state-supplied), vaccine administration, and any other services that would be separately reimbursed when billed in conjunction with a well visit.	Please refer to <u>Telemedicine Payment Policy</u>	Please refer to Flu FAQs: <u>http://www.fchp.org/en/members/news-announcements/flu-faqs.aspx</u>
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care	In cases where a wellness exam occurs in one session and the vaccination in a different session, the provider should bill a wellness visit for the wellness portion and a vaccine administration for the delivery of the immunization. During this time, pediatricians may bill with the Well Visit code that is	Harvard Pilgrim is waiving member cost share for telemedicine services that are related to COVID-19 treatment only (no copays, deductibles, or coinsurance) delivered by in-network providers for dates of service through 12/31/2020.	<u>https://www.harvardpilgrim.org/provider/news-center/important-information-and-resources-during-covid-19/</u>	Telehealth & Telemedicine Policy: <u>https://www.harvardpilgrim.org/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/PROVIDERS/MANUALS/PAYMENT%20POLICES/H-6%20TELEMEDICINE_IN_TERIM_032420.PDF</u> Vaccines During COVID: <u>https://www.harvardpilgrim.org/public/vaccine-preventable-diseases-</u>

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	<p>appropriate for the child's age and with a place of service 02, designating Telemedicine/Telehealth. There are also modifiers which are accepted which are listed on the <u>Interim Telemedicine/Telehealth Payment Policy</u>.</p> <p>Once a Well Visit has occurred, Providers do not have to wait 12 months for the next Well Visit, unless that's clinically appropriate. HPHC will reimburse at the next scheduled Well Visit, even if it's less than 12 months later. Based on current guidance, we will reimburse for telephonic Well Visits.</p>			<p><u>and-outbreaks-during-the-covid-19-pandemic</u></p>
<p>Tufts Health Plan</p>	<p>Children's well visits, screenings and immunizations are considered preventive care, which means they are covered at 100%.</p> <p>Preventive care may not be eligible for 100% coverage with some plans — please check your</p>	-	<p>Telehealth policy for providers: <u>https://tuftshealthplan.com/provider/provider-news/2020/telehealth-coverage</u></p>	<p>The following link to member web site addresses immunizations during the pandemic: <u>https://tuftshealthplan.com/covid-19/member/getting-care/childhood-immunizations</u></p> <p>Tufts Health Together (Mass Health) offers a</p>

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	<p>benefit document to confirm. For plans that do provide 100% coverage, preventive care must be received from a provider in the Tufts Health Plan network. Only certain services qualify as preventive. If you have any questions about whether a service is preventive, please check your benefit document or call Member Services at the number on your ID card. Please note: you may receive non-preventive services during a routine visit that require a cost-share. Examples of these services include but are not limited to pregnancy tests, throat cultures, allergy tests, x-rays, ultrasounds, setting of bones and casts, and cardiac stress tests.</p>			<p>rewards program for childhood immunizations: https://tuftshealthplan.com/member/tufts-health-together-plans/benefits-costs/discounts-perks/rewards-for-immunizations</p>
<p>UnitedHealthcare</p>	<p>UHC has no requirement that vaccines be done on the same day/visit as a wellness exam for preventive coverage; if a network provider bills in accordance with our</p>	<p>UHC is not considering any benefit changes today, given how flexible the existing benefit language is. Under the current benefit a wellness exam is not required for a vaccination to be</p>	<p>If a network provider bills in accordance with our Preventive Care Services Coverage Determination Guideline the vaccine will be paid as preventive. See</p>	<p>UHC has significant childhood immunization information posted online: uhc.com/health-and-wellness/health-topics/child-immunizations.</p>

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	<p>Preventive Care Services Coverage Determination Guideline the vaccine will be paid as preventive. See https://www.uhcprovider.com/content/dam/provider/docs/public/policies/comm-medical-drug/preventive-care-services.pdf</p>	<p>administered, nor does it require that the immunization occurs within a certain number of days of a wellness exam. A preventive immunization can occur at any time. If it is billed appropriately by a network provider, it will be covered as preventive.</p>	<p>https://www.uhcprovider.com/content/dam/provider/docs/public/policies/comm-medical-drug/preventive-care-services.pdf</p>	<p>UHC has a preventive care brochure available on the area of its website called Connect To Market. It's available in English & Spanish and it outlines child vaccinations.</p> <p>UHC has a member-facing landing page on uhc.com where members can enter their age/gender and get a full list of preventive care recommendations, including for children. (LINK to website).</p>
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