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COVID-19 Vaccine Codes: Updated Effective Date for Pfizer-BioNTech

On December 11, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an [Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#) for the prevention of COVID-19 for individuals 16 years of age and older. Review Pfizer's [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine \(Vaccination Providers\)](#) regarding the limitations of authorized use.

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), Medicare will cover and pay for the administration of the vaccine (when furnished consistent with the EUA). Review our updated [payment and HCPCS Level I CPT code structure](#) for specific COVID-19 vaccine information. Only bill for the vaccine administration codes when you submit claims to Medicare; don't include the vaccine product codes when vaccines are free.

Related links:

- CMS [COVID-19 Provider Toolkit](#)
- CMS [COVID-19 FAQs](#)
- CDC [COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit](#) for medical centers, clinics, and clinicians
- FDA [COVID-19 Vaccines](#) webpage

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