


ISSUE DATE <p style="text-align: center;">May 30, 2023</p>	EFFECTIVE DATE <p style="text-align: center;">June 12, 2023</p>	NUMBER <p style="text-align: center;">01-23-06, 08-23-07, 09-23-05, 10-23-04, 31-23-06, 33-23-05</p>
SUBJECT <p style="text-align: center;">Billing Updates for Vaccine Counseling Only Visits for Beneficiaries Under the Age of 21</p>	BY  <p style="text-align: center;">Sally A. Kozak, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs</p>	

IMPORTANT REMINDER: All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISE to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/PROMISE-Enrollment.aspx>.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers about billing updates for the provision of vaccine counseling only visits for MA beneficiaries under the age of 21 for pediatric vaccines provided through the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit when no pediatric vaccines are administered.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all physicians, certified registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, physician assistants, outpatient hospital-based clinics, independent medical/surgical clinics, and outpatient clinics enrolled in the MA Program who may administer vaccines for MA beneficiaries under the age of 21 in the Fee-for-Service (FFS) and managed care delivery systems. Providers rendering services to MA beneficiaries in the managed care delivery system should contact the appropriate MA managed care organization with any coding and billing questions.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The EPSDT benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under the age of 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid. EPSDT helps to ensure that children and adolescents receive appropriate preventive, dental, mental health, developmental, and specialty services. This includes the provision of recommended child and adolescent immunizations.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/Contact-Information-for-Providers.aspx>.

Section 9811 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 requires state Medicaid programs to cover COVID-19 vaccine administration without cost sharing through the last day of the first quarter that begins one year after the end of the public health emergency. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) interprets the Medicaid EPSDT benefit to require states to cover visits in which a child under the age of 21 and/or their parent or caregiver is counseled about a pediatric vaccine, but the child does not receive the pediatric vaccine, such as when the child and/or their parent or caregiver does not provide consent.

On September 20, 2022, MA Bulletin 01-22-14, "Vaccine Counseling Only Visits for Beneficiaries Under 21" was issued to advise providers that the Department would provide coverage of and payment for the provision of vaccine counseling only visits to beneficiaries under the age of 21 and/or their parents or caregivers when no pediatric vaccines are administered, and that procedure code 99401 with the U1 modifier was being added to the MA Program Fee Schedule.

CMS released procedure code G0312, that can be billed for vaccine counseling only visits provided to MA beneficiaries under the age of 21 when no pediatric vaccine is administered. Although states are not required to utilize this procedure code, the Department has decided to add G0312 to the MA Program Fee Schedule.

PROCEDURE:

Effective for dates of service on and after June 12, 2023, MA providers in both the FFS and managed care delivery systems may use procedure code G0312 to bill for vaccine counseling only visits when MA beneficiaries under the age of 21 and/or their parent or caregiver, receive counseling about any pediatric vaccines covered under the EPSDT benefit from a qualified health care professional who is authorized to administer pediatric vaccines, but no pediatric vaccine is administered.

Procedure Code	Code Description	Fee
G0312	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional when the vaccine(s) is not administered on the same date of service for ages under 21, 5-15 minutes time (This code is used for Medicaid billing purposes)	\$10.00

Attached is the fee schedule entitled, "MA Program Fee Schedule Update for Vaccine Counseling Only Visits for Beneficiaries Under the Age of 21, Effective June 12, 2023." The attachment identifies the procedure code, national code description, provider type, provider specialty, place of service, and MA fee for the procedure code for providers submitting MA FFS claims.

NOTE: Provider type 10, specialty 100 (physician assistant) is included because physician assistants can be listed as the rendering provider pursuant to MA Bulletin 01-22-05, 08-22-05, 09-22-04, 10-22-01, 31-22-05, entitled "Billing Procedure Update for Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants."

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/docs/Publications/Documents/FORMS%20AND%20PUBS%20MAP/MAB2022010701.pdf>.

Effective June 11, 2023, the Department is end-dating procedure code 99401 with the U1 modifier from the MA Program Fee Schedule for vaccine counseling only visits.

Vaccine counseling only visits may be provided in addition to another service. However, MA Providers may not bill vaccine counseling only visits in addition to a complete EPSDT screen.

Vaccine counseling only visits may be provided in addition to a SARS-CoV-2 vaccine administration, or a COVID-19 vaccine counseling only visit. Billing procedures and instructions for providers delivering COVID-19 vaccine counseling only visits to MA beneficiaries under the age of 21 are outlined in MA Bulletin 01-23-07, titled "Billing Updates for COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling Only Visits for Beneficiaries Under the Age of 21".

Additionally, vaccine counseling only visits may be provided via telemedicine with the use of Place of Service (POS) 02 (Telehealth Provided Other than in Patient's Home) or POS 10 (Telehealth Provided in Patient's Home).

ATTACHMENT:

MA Program Fee Schedule Update for Vaccine Counseling Only Visits for Beneficiaries Under the Age of 21, Effective June 12, 2023

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services
Office of Medical Assistance Programs**

MA Program Fee Schedule Updates for Vaccine Counseling Only Visits for Beneficiaries Under the Age of 21, Effective June 12, 2023

Procedure Code	Description	Provider Type	Specialty	Place of Service	Pricing Modifier	Info Modifier	MA Fee	Prior Auth	MA units	Limits
G0312	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional when the vaccine(s) is not administered on the same date of service for ages under 21, 5-15 minutes time (This code is used for Medicaid billing purposes)	01	183	02, 10, 22			\$10.00	No	per visit	once per day
G0312	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional when the vaccine(s) is not administered on the same date of service for ages under 21, 5-15 minutes time (This code is used for Medicaid billing purposes)	08	082	02, 10, 49			\$10.00	No	per visit	once per day
G0312	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional when the vaccine(s) is not administered on the same date of service for ages under 21, 5-15 minutes time (This code is used for Medicaid billing purposes)	09	All	02, 10, 11, 12			\$10.00	No	per visit	once per day
G0312	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional when the vaccine(s) is not administered on the same date of service for ages under 21, 5-15 minutes time (This code is used for Medicaid billing purposes)	10	100	02, 10, 11, 12			\$10.00	No	per visit	once per day
G0312	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional when the vaccine(s) is not administered on the same date of service for ages under 21, 5-15 minutes time (This code is used for Medicaid billing purposes)	31	All	02, 10, 11, 12			\$10.00	No	per visit	once per day
G0312	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional when the vaccine(s) is not administered on the same date of service for ages under 21, 5-15 minutes time (This code is used for Medicaid billing purposes)	33	335	02, 10, 11, 12			\$10.00	No	per visit	once per day