

Reimbursement Guides for COVID-19 Available

NCPA and APhA have developed billing and reimbursement guidance for pharmacists to assist with billing and reimbursement of COVID-19 vaccine and administration. These resources outline different scenarios by which a pharmacist can bill for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.

APhA: [Reimbursement for Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine\(s\)- What We Know](#)

NCPA: [Coronavirus What We Need to Know - COVID-19 Vaccine Billing and Reimbursement](#)

COVID-19 vaccine administration is reimbursed based upon the patient's insurance and if the claim is billed under the medical or pharmacy benefit. The rate for Medicare is set by CMS, but rates may vary for state Medicaid and commercial plans.

Kentucky specific:

A Kentucky pharmacist meeting all state and federal requirements, may utilize their individual NPI number to order and administer COVID-19 vaccine. Additionally, a prescription drug order or a prescriber-approved protocol may be used to administer COVID-19 vaccine. There are certain situations where a pharmacist's NPI number may not be recognized as a provider, and a provider signed protocol or prescription drug order may be required. The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services has made available a statewide physician protocol for those pharmacists who do not have a prescriber signed protocol. This statewide physician protocol signed by a physician with the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) specifies the [criteria and procedures](#) for eligible pharmacies who have met the requirements established by the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth. ***This signed protocol is intended for pharmacists that do not have a medical provider to issue a protocol.***

[Kentucky DMS statewide protocol](#)