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Web Announcement 2893

Monkeypox: Nevada Medicaid Will Cover Monkeypox Testing and Vaccine Administration Codes

Follow-up to [Web Announcement 2873 - Technical Bulletin: Monkeypox Virus Vaccine Guidance and Recommendations](#):

On July 23, 2022, the World Health Organization declared Monkeypox a Public Health Emergency (PHE) along with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on August 4, 2022. Nevada Medicaid will be covering monkeypox laboratory tests and vaccine administration according to guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox.

For more information on the availability of the monkeypox vaccine in Nevada or the guidelines on who should be vaccinated, please contact the Nevada State Immunization Program at (775) 684-5900 or nviz@health.nv.gov. Resources are also available at: <https://dph.nv.gov/monkeypox/> and Monkeypox Vaccine Locator: <https://mpoxvaxmap.org/>. Providers may also contact their local health district for information as well.

Nevada Medicaid is currently in the process of opening the following monkeypox testing and vaccine Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes to reimburse providers effective with dates of service on or after July 26, 2022:

- Procedure code 87593: Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); orthopoxvirus [e.g. monkeypox virus, cowpox virus, vaccinia virus], amplified probe technique.
- Procedure code 90611: Smallpox and monkeypox vaccine, attenuated vaccine virus, live, non-replicating, preservation free, .05mL dosage, suspension for subcutaneous use.
 - There is no reimbursement for the vaccine itself as it is provided by the federal government.
 - Providers will bill vaccine CPT code 90611 with National Drug Code (NDC) billed at \$0.01.
 - Providers will bill the vaccine administration code with usual and customary charge.

No prior authorization is required for the above procedure codes.

Monkeypox testing and vaccine administration will be reimbursed based upon current Nevada Medicaid State Plan methodology.

A future web announcement will notify providers when the procedure codes have been entered in the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) and are available for billing. Any claims for these codes that deny because the codes are not in the system for the appropriate provider types may be reprocessed automatically at a later date, if needed. Results of any reprocessed claims will appear on a future remittance advice.

Per the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), existing CPT vaccine administration codes (90460, 90461, 90471, 90472) should be used to report the administration of the vaccine product described by code 90611, depending on the age of the patient and the administration(s) provided during the visit.

Testing code 87593 will be opened for:

- PT 12 Hospital, Outpatient
- PT 43 Laboratory

Vaccine code 90611 will be opened for:

- PT 12 Hospital, Outpatient
- PT 17 Special Clinics
 - specialty 166 Family Planning
 - specialty 174 Public Health Clinic

- specialty 179 School Based Health Centers (SBHC)
- specialty 195 Community Health Clinic, State Health Division
- specialty 198 Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- PT 20 Physician, M.D., Osteopath, D.O.
- PT 24 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)
- PT 32 specialty 249 Community Paramedicine
- PT 60 School Health Services
- PT 74 Nurse Midwife
- PT 77 Physician's Assistant

The existing vaccine administration codes are already open for billing by some provider types (PTs); however, they will be opened for additional provider types who can vaccinate.

Vaccine administration codes 90460 and 90461 will be opened for:

- PT 17 Special Clinics
 - specialty 166 Family Planning
 - specialty 179 School Based Health Centers (SBHC)
 - specialty 198 Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

Vaccine administration codes 90471 and 90472 will be opened for:

- PT 17 Special Clinics
 - specialty 198 Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

Please note: PT 28 Pharmacy will also be reimbursed for any monkeypox vaccine administration fee.

Additional Resources:

- [CDC Monkeypox](#)
- [Monkeypox Vaccines](#)
- [Monkeypox Vaccination Basics](#)
- [Notifying Close Contacts](#)
- [Print Resources](#)
- [2022 U.S. Map & Case Count](#)
- [FDA Monkeypox Response](#)
- [Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)
- [Clinician FAQs](#)
- [Monkeypox Testing](#)
- [Infection Prevention & Control in Healthcare Setting](#)
- [Isolation & Infection Control at Home](#)