



NOTE: Please disregard this web announcement.

See [Web Announcement 2952](#) for an update and the new vaccine counseling procedure codes.

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Web Announcement 2748

COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling Visits for Children under 21 Years of Age

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is requiring states to cover COVID-19 vaccine counseling visits for children under 21 years of age as part of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit.

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) has identified the CR modifier for usage with Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 99401 (Preventative medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual, up to 15 minutes) **when a COVID-19 vaccine is not administered, but counseled. This service will be reimbursed separately.** The DHCFP is working on enhancing the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) to allow the CR modifier with CPT code 99401 to bypass an annual limitation **for claims submitted effective December 2, 2021.** A future web announcement will be published to notify providers when the system has been updated to bypass the annual limitation.

Providers may currently bill CPT code 99401 with modifier CR. When billing multiple Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes for the same date of service, providers must bill all appropriate modifiers.