

HRSA COVID-19 Coverage Assistance Fund

The Biden-Harris Administration is providing free access to COVID-19 vaccines for every adult living in the United States. Accordingly, the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) COVID-19 Coverage Assistance Fund (CAF) will cover the costs of administering COVID-19 vaccines to patients whose health insurance doesn't cover vaccine administration fees, or does but typically has patient cost-sharing. While patients cannot be billed directly for COVID-19 vaccine fees, costs to health care providers on the front lines for administering COVID-19 vaccines to underinsured patients will now be fully covered through CAF, subject to available funding. As vaccination efforts accelerate, patients will increasingly gain access to COVID-19 vaccines at locations near where they live with providers they trust.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Providers are eligible for claims reimbursement if they have administered Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized COVID-19 vaccines under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) or FDA-licensed COVID-19 vaccines under a Biologics License Application (BLA) to individuals whose health plan does not cover vaccine administration fees, or does but typically has patient cost-sharing.

PAYMENT

Eligible providers will be reimbursed at national Medicare rates for vaccine administration fees, and for any patient cost sharing related to vaccination, including:

- co-pays
- deductibles, and
- co-insurance

TAKE ACTION

1. Providers must enroll in the program through the HRSA COVID-19 Coverage Assistance Fund (CAF) Portal <https://bit.ly/3aSyijU> and agree to the Terms and Conditions, including accepting defined program reimbursement as payment in full and agreeing not to balance bill the patient.
2. After submitting a claim(s) for COVID-19 vaccine administration fees to patients' health plan carrier for payment, if the claim is either denied by that insurer or only partially paid, providers may then submit a claim(s) to the CAF Portal for payment consideration. Providers must also verify no other third party payer will reimburse them for vaccine administration fees for that patient encounter.
3. Claims are accepted via clearinghouses or through electronic or manual submissions via the CAF Portal.

For additional information, visit <https://covid19coverageassistance.ssigroup.com/>

*Vaccine administration fees for **uninsured** individuals may be eligible for reimbursement through the HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program. For more information visit: <https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim>.*