



**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 2909

## **Update Regarding Claims for COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling Visits for Children under 21 Years of Age**

Update to [Web Announcement 2748](#): The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is requiring states to cover standalone 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.**

Effective with claims submitted on or after October 3, 2022, the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) has been updated to bypass the annual limitation for claims for CPT code 99401 **with dates of service on or after December 2, 2021. To bypass the annual limitation, these claims must be submitted with modifier CR.**

When billing COVID-19 vaccine counseling (modifier CR) on the same day as other vaccine counseling, be sure to bill both modifier CR and modifier 59.