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COVID-19 vaccine administration and monoclonal antibody treatments: Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect Members

At Blue Shield of California (“Blue Shield”) and Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan (“Blue Shield Promise”), we will continue to support the health, safety, and well-being of our members during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and keep you informed as you continue to provide care on the front lines.

Please check this section of the website periodically to stay informed. As changes in laws, mandates and business decisions occur, we will update this content to reflect the latest information. We will also continue to add announcements on this COVID-19 update page.

No member cost-sharing for administration of COVID-19 vaccines

In accordance with federal law, Blue Shield and Blue Shield Promise benefit plan members are not financially responsible for a copayment, co-insurance or deductible for administration fees associated with receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

In addition, consistent with existing policy for Blue Shield Promise Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect members, member cost-sharing does not apply.

Cost of the COVID-19 vaccine

There is no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine for providers who are enrolled with the federal government program to receive the free vaccine distribution.

Where applicable, coding and billing for reimbursement will apply only to the cost for administration of the vaccine. Please carefully review the information below to understand the details for billing for those services.

Financial responsibility for administration of the COVID-19 vaccines

Blue Shield Promise Cal MediConnect members

Effective January 1, 2022, costs for administration of COVID-19 to Cal MediConnect members should be billed to Blue Shield Promise.

Blue Shield Promise Medi-Cal members

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has carved out the COVID-19 vaccines and associated administration fees from the Medi-Cal managed care delivery system and will reimburse providers under Medi-Cal fee-for-service policy for medical, pharmacy, and outpatient claims. For additional information, please visit DHCS' [website](#).

Financial responsibility for administration of monoclonal antibody treatment

There is no cost for the monoclonal antibody treatment drug to providers who are enrolled with the federal government program to receive the free monoclonal antibodies distribution. Costs for administration of the treatment are billed to the health plan of the member.

Blue Shield Promise Cal MediConnect members

- All costs for administration of monoclonal antibody treatments administered to Blue Shield Promise Medi-Cal members should be billed to Blue Shield Promise.
- Consistent with existing policy for Blue Shield Promise Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect members, member cost-sharing does not apply.

Blue Shield Promise Medi-Cal members

- All costs for administration of monoclonal antibody treatments administered to Blue Shield Promise Medi-Cal members should be billed directly to Blue Shield Promise.
- Consistent with existing policy for Blue Shield Promise Medi-Cal and Cal MediConnect members, member cost-sharing does not apply.