

Chapter 31

Immunizations & Vaccinations

NOTE: Please review the following detail for specific processes and expectations with South Country Health Alliance (South Country). South Country may vary from the MHCP Manual and Minnesota Department of Human Services Guidelines. For additional detail on this chapter, please go to the Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Manual at [MHCP Provider Manual](#).

Billing Information – Please review the [South Country Provider Manual Chapter 4 Provider Billing](#) for general billing processes and procedures.

Immunizations are one of the best weapons against a number of serious diseases. Vaccination is a covered health care service for Minnesotans enrolled in South Country Health Alliance (South Country) or any other publicly funded Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP).

MHCP coordinates with the Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) [Minnesota Vaccines for Children \(MnVFC\) program](#) to provide pediatric vaccines at no cost to providers. The MDH MnVFC Program is for recipients ages 0 through 18. As of Jan. 1, 2014, MDH no longer provides free vaccines for adults age 19 or older. However, South Country will continue to cover adult flu vaccines and other recommended vaccinations for adults. Providers cannot use MnVFC Program stock to bill South Country for adult vaccines.

Eligible Providers

The following enrolled South Country providers may bill for vaccines and toxoids and its administration:

- Certified family nurse practitioners
- Certified pediatric nurse practitioners
- Certified nurse-midwives
- Child and Teen Checkups providers
- Clinics
- Community paramedics
- Convenience clinics
- Dental providers
- Home health agencies
- Outpatient and inpatient hospitals
- Pharmacies
- Physicians
- Public health clinics
- Public health nursing clinic providers

All South Country Health Alliance (South Country) contracted Providers who administer pediatric vaccines are required by [Minnesota Statutes](#) (256B.0625, subd. 39) to enroll in the MDH MnVFC program.

Covered Services

South Country covers the following services:

- Vaccines
- Toxoids
- Administration of vaccines and toxoids
- Office visits associated with administering vaccinations when the appointment is not solely to administer vaccinations

Noncovered Services

South Country does not cover the following:

- Reimbursement for vaccines available from the MDH MnVFC Program that are not obtained and used for eligible recipients
- Reimbursement for vaccines obtained at no cost from MDH MnVFC Program
- Reimbursement for vaccines under IEP services
- Reimbursement for vaccines obtained at no cost due to public health emergency

Billing

South Country reimburses office visits associated with administering vaccinations when the visit is not solely to administer vaccines. Do not bill office visit if visit is solely to administer vaccines.

Claim lines deny when billing the following:

- A vaccine administration code is billed without a vaccine code.
- A vaccine code and vaccine administration code billed on separate claims.

Seasonal Influenza Vaccines

South Country covers seasonal flu vaccine once per flu season when administered by a qualified provider. Providers must obtain pediatric flu vaccines from the MDH MnVFC Vaccine Program when available. For information regarding the flu vaccine availability and distribution, contact MDH or refer to <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/index.html>

Quick Reference for Vaccine and Toxoid Administration Codes

Use the appropriate administration code with each single or combination vaccine or toxoid.

Code	Use to report administering:	Administration Route	Limitations
90460*	Single or 1st vaccine/toxoid component of combination vaccine	Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 years and younger• Physician or other health care professional counseling• Report multiple units on same line• First/only vaccine/toxoid component• Use with 90461
90461	Each additional component of	Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use only with 90460

	combination vaccine		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report multiple units on same line Use to report each additional vaccine/toxoid component
90471	1 vaccine (single or combination)	Percutaneous Intradermal Subcutaneous Intramuscular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use with 90473
90472	Each additional vaccine	Percutaneous Intradermal Subcutaneous Intramuscular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use with 90471; list separately (not on same line)
90473	1 vaccine (single or combination)	Oral Intranasal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use with 90471
90474	Each additional vaccine (single or combination)	Oral Intranasal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use with 90473; list separately (not on same line)
G0008	Single or 1st vaccine/toxoid component of combination vaccine	Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Billed with vaccine codes: 90630, 90653, 90654, 90655, 90656, 90657, 90658, 90672, 60973, 90674, 90682, 90685, 90686, 90687, 90688, Q2033, Q2034, Q2035, Q2036, Q2037, Q2038, Q2039 Use with 90472 or 90474 list separately (not on same line)
G0009	Single or 1st vaccine/toxoid component of combination vaccine	Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Billed with vaccine codes: 90669, 90670, 90732 Use with 90472 or 90474 list separately (not on same line)
G0010	Single or 1st vaccine/toxoid component of combination vaccine	Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Billed with vaccine codes: 90740, 90744, 90746, 90747 Use with 90472 or 90474 list separately (not on same line)
<p>*Code 90460 (with counseling) is considered the initial administration code when billed with other non-counseling vaccine administration codes. Providers are encouraged to use CPT code 90460 for the administration of a vaccine under the MnVFC program. If code 90461 is used for a vaccine with multiple antigens or components, it would be given a \$0 value.</p>			

Vaccines covered by Medicare

Some vaccines are covered under Medicare Part B and others under Part D. Members receiving vaccinations through their Medicare benefit must follow Medicare regulations. South Country members who choose to receive their Medicare Part D vaccination through a pharmacy must use a network pharmacy.

Medicare Part B covers the following immunizations: Hepatitis B vaccine (for patients at high or intermediate risk); Influenza virus vaccine; Pneumococcal pneumonia vaccine; Covid-19 vaccine; and vaccines directly related to the **treatment** of an injury or direct **exposure** to a

disease or condition. Providers must bill Medicare Part B directly for both the vaccine and its administration.

Effective May 16, 2022, Covid-19 vaccine was added to the Medicare Part B preventive vaccines list.

Medicare Part D covers some prescribed vaccines not available under Part B for preventative purposes when medically necessary. South Country offers Medicare Part D coverage to eligible members. Medicare Part D eligible vaccines and administration costs must be billed to the member's Medicare part D benefit plan.

Claims for vaccines classified as Part D-eligible cannot be reimbursed through South Country's medical administration. Providers must go through the pharmacy benefit in accordance with Part D regulations.

Shingles Vaccine

For SeniorCare Complete and AbilityCare members the Shingrix vaccine is covered under their Medicare Part D benefit plan. South Country offers medical providers the following option for billing the Part D Shingrix shingles vaccine and administration:

- At the time of the clinic visit providers must assist the enrollee/patient with completing the [Shingles Vaccine and Administration Claim Form](#). [Directions to complete the form are located here](#).
- The Shingles Vaccine and Administration Claim Form must be mailed or faxed directly to South Country at:

South Country Health Alliance Member Services
6380 West Frontage Road
Medford, MN 55049

Fax number: 1-507-431-6328

It is recommended that the provider and enrollee/patient keep a copy of the completed form for their records. Payment will be made directly to the provider's office.

For more information about Medicare Part D please visit:

- <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prevention/PrevntionGenInfo/ProviderResources.html>

Additional Information

For more information about free vaccine availability from MDH through MnVFC program, please visit: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/hcp/mnvfc/index.html>

[For information on vaccinations covered by the member's pharmacy benefit, please see the South Country online drug lookup.](#)

Immunization and Vaccinations Resources:

- [CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Immunization Schedules](#)
- [MHCP Provider Manual – Immunizations and Vaccinations Section](#)
- [Minnesota Department of Health \(MDH\) Immunization](#)
- [Vaccine Information Statements in Multiple Languages](#)
- [C&TC Immunizations and Review FACT Sheet](#)
- [COVID-19 HCPCS Codes](#)