

Immunization Billing Guidance

Immunizations are a major part of practice overhead, and they greatly impact the health and well-being of patients and families. Your practice needs to bill for immunization administration correctly to get paid.

You may also bill one or more immunization administration codes when you bill an immunization procedure, such as a Measles, mumps, and rubella virus vaccine (MMR).

For every immunization injection a patient receives, with counseling by a qualified medical professional, you may bill the correct immunization procedure and administration codes.

You may bill the vaccine procedure and additional immunization administration codes when a single shot immunizes against multiple diseases, such as MMR, DTaP, or any other combination of vaccines.

If you provide and document immunization counseling and provide an opportunity for questions, you may bill the administration codes that include counseling.

If you provide vaccines and do not provide counseling to your patients about the immunizations, then you may bill the administration codes that exclude counseling.

The primary Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for vaccines change over time. Please review your immunization CPT codes periodically and reference the American Academy of Pediatrics ([AAP Vaccine Coding Table](#)).

Examples of Immunization Billing

Immunization billing requires that you understand the immunization and its antigens. Refer to the AAP Vaccine Coding Table examples below.

AAP Vaccine Coding Table (examples)

Vaccine	Description	Brand Name	Vaccine Antigens	What to Bill (w/Counseling)	What to Bill (w/out Counseling)
Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B vaccine (HepB), adult dosage, for IM use	Recombivax HB Energix-B	1	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (1 Unit)	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (1 Unit)

Vaccine	Description	Brand Name	Vaccine Antigens	What to Bill (w/Counseling)	What to Bill (w/out Counseling)
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella	Measles, mumps, and rubella virus vaccine (MMR), live, for SQ use	M-M-R II PRIORIX	3	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (2 Units) for the additional antigens	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (2 Units) for the additional antigens
Polio	Poliovirus vaccine (IPV), inactivated, for SQ or IM use	IPOL	1	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (1 Unit)	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (1 Unit)
Varicella	Varicella virus vaccine (VAR), live, for subcutaneous use	Varivax	1	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (1 Unit)	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (1 Unit)
Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella	Measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella vaccine (MMRV), live, for SQ use	ProQuad	4	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (3 Units) for the additional antigens	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (1 Unit) Immunization administration code (3 Units) for the additional antigens

Suppose multiple vaccines are administered to a patient, such as a Hepatitis B or MMR, and counseling is provided. In that case, you may bill the first vaccine procedure code, the next vaccine procedure code, the immunization administration code, and the additional administration code for the additional antigens.

Review the table AAP Vaccine Coding Table below for more examples.

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Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B vaccine (HepB), adult dosage, for IM use	Recombivax HB Energix-B	1	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit)	Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit) Vaccine Procedure Code (1 Unit)
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella	Measles, mumps, and rubella virus vaccine (MMR), live, for SQ use	M-M-R II PRIORIX	3	As an example: Immunization administration code (2 Units) for each vaccine given Immunization administration code (2 Units) for the additional antigens	As an example: Immunization administration code (2 Units) for each vaccine given Immunization administration code (2 Units) for the additional antigens

Note: Please consult the AAP Vaccine Coding Table for the appropriate codes.