

**A L E R T**

November 3, 2022

**TO: Hospital Providers, Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Pharmacies, County Health Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and Rural Health Clinics**

**RE: UPDATE - Billing for Stand-alone COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling for Recipients Under Age 21**

Information in this Provider ALERT is in coordination with the ALERTs published April 13, 2022.

Effective May 11, 2022, through a time indicated by the Alabama Medicaid Agency (Medicaid), Medicaid will cover the following procedure codes for stand-alone COVID-19 vaccine counseling for recipients under 21 years of age:

Stand-alone Vaccine Counseling Codes		
Procedure Code	Procedure Code Description	Rate
G0314	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional for COVID-19, ages under 21, 16-30 mins time.	\$31.70
G0315	Immunization counseling by a physician or other qualified health care professional for COVID-19, ages under 21, 5-15 mins time.	\$31.70

For dates of service prior to May 11, 2022, please refer to the ALERT "Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling for Recipients under Age 21" dated April 13, 2022.

**When will the rate of \$31.70 end?**

At such time Medicaid indicates through a subsequent Provider ALERT.

**When is it appropriate to bill procedure code G0314 or G0315?**

A provider should appropriately bill these codes when ONLY providing COVID-19 vaccine counseling to a recipient under age 21, and the recipient does NOT receive a COVID vaccine on the day of service.

**Can procedure codes G0314 and G0315 be billed in conjunction with CPT 99401 and modifiers CR and 25?**

No, procedure codes G0314 and G0315 CANNOT be billed in conjunction with CPT 99401 and modifiers CR and 25.

**Are modifiers required?**

Modifiers are not required for procedure codes G0314 or G0315 with an office visit on the same day of service.

**How should Pharmacy providers bill for these procedure codes?**

Pharmacy providers must bill under their DME NPI, as these codes are not applicable under the NCPDP billing system.

Providers with billing questions may visit <http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov> or contact the Gainwell Technology Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-688-7989.