

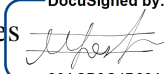


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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
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Pharmacist Prescriber Transmittal No. 2
Pharmacy Transmittal No. 212
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To: Managed Care Organizations
 Pharmacists
 Pharmacies

From: Athos Alexandrou, Director of Pharmacy Services
 Maryland Department of Health

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Re: Maryland Medicaid Reimbursement for Services Provided by Pharmacists within Their Lawful Scope of Practice, Effective January 1, 2024

Note: Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Effective January 1, 2024, Senate Bill 678/House Bill 1151 (Ch. 300 of the Acts of 2023) allows Medicaid enrolled pharmacists to bill Maryland Medicaid for services within their lawful scope of practice. This requirement applies to Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) and Health Choice managed care organizations (MCOs). Pharmacists who meet all Medicaid and Board of Pharmacy (Board) requirements as described in COMAR 10.09.21 and the requirements of Health Occupations Article 12 of the Pharmacy Act may bill for the following new services:

- Smoking Cessation Counseling
- Medication Therapy Management (MTM)

The following codes are now billable by pharmacists who follow the enrollment and billing guidelines described below:

Pharmacists Professional Fee Schedule

CPT Code	Description	Payment	Effective Date
90460	Immunization administration through 18 years of age of free vaccines via the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.	23.28*	Aug. 19, 2020
96372	Injection of drug under the skin into the muscle	\$15.35	Jan. 1, 2023
99202	Office or other outpatient visits for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward medical decision making. When using time for code selection, 15-29 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter (for contraceptive purposes only).	\$79.65	Jan. 1, 2019
99211	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient that may not require the presence of a physician or other qualified healthcare professional (for contraceptive purposes only).	\$25.44	Jan. 1, 2019
99406	Smoking cessation counseling visit 3-10 minutes	\$16.65	Jan. 1, 2024
99407	Smoking cessation counseling visit greater than 10 minutes	\$30.60	Jan. 1, 2024
99605	MTM new patient (8-15 mins)	\$49.67	Jan. 1, 2024
99606	MTM established patient (8-15 mins)	\$31.24	Jan. 1, 2024
99607	MTM additional 8-15 mins.	\$24.54	Jan.1, 2024

* To bill for this code, pharmacies must be enrolled in the [VFC Program](#).

Provider Eligibility

To bill for services, an actively licensed pharmacist must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in COMAR 10.09.21. Pharmacists can enroll via ePREP at eprep.health.maryland.gov. When enrolling, please select provider type PH - Pharmacist Prescriber (or Pharmacist). Pharmacies must submit a group Pharmacist application, along with applications for individual rendering pharmacists. The pharmacist group will serve as the billing provider for claims related to the above services. For additional enrollment questions, providers can contact the ePREP Call Center at 1-844-4MD-PROV (1-844-463-7768).

MCOs are responsible for educating providers and Health Choice participants about covered pharmacy services and their organization's policies for reimbursement.

MCOs may submit any questions regarding pharmacist services and rates to mdh.pharmacistprofservices@maryland.gov.

Additional information regarding clinical coverage criteria will be published in a future transmittal prior to implementation.

Billing for Services

Medicaid enrolled FFS pharmacist groups may bill Maryland Medicaid using the billing and coding information listed above. General guidance on the CMS-1500 Paper Billing Instructions can be accessed at: <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/provider/Pages/ffsclaims.aspx>.

For more information on electronic billing, please visit <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/provider/Pages/edi.aspx>

For these services, MCOs should follow similar guidelines as the FFS pharmacists group by using the same billing and coding information.

For additional information:

- For pharmacist scope of practice information, please refer to the [Board of Pharmacy's webpage](#).
- Other general questions, please email mdh.pharmacistsprofservices@maryland.gov
- Please visit https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/pharmacist_prescribers.aspx for future updates.