



Vaccine Vitals

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CPP Program - Key Updates



New Vaccine Pricing in 2021

Sanofi Pasteur and Merck have announced updated vaccine pricing for 2021. For CPP members, the Sanofi Pasteur pricing goes into effect on January 1, 2021 and the Merck pricing goes into effect on February 10, 2021. This gives CPP members some time to purchase vaccines at their pre-increase price. Please [contact the CPP office](#) for updated member pricing sheets.

Also starting in January 2021, payment terms for Sanofi Pasteur vaccines ordered through VaccineShope.com or VaxServe will be changing from 2% 90 days, net 91 to 2% 60 days, net 61. Please keep this in mind when planning your vaccine invoice payments so you don't miss this prompt pay discount opportunity.



Vaccine Updates

MenQuadfi™ – Sanofi Pasteur has announced another advancement in the fight to prevent meningococcal disease. MenQuadfi is a vaccine indicated for active immunization for the prevention of invasive meningococcal disease caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroups A, C, W, and Y. MenQuadfi is approved for use in individuals 2 years of age and older and does not prevent *N meningitidis* serogroup B disease.

This vaccine will have a unique CPT code (90619) and NDC (49281-590-05) and is available for pre-order now for shipments starting in April 2021. Click [here](#) for more information.

New Pentacel Formulation & NDC – Sanofi Pasteur would like to inform you of an updated formulation of Pentacel® (Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, Inactivated Poliovirus and Haemophilus b Conjugate [Tetanus Toxoid Conjugate] Vaccine). They have changed the source of Inactivated Polio Virus (IPV) antigen from MRC-5-derived IPV (mIPV) to IPV that is derived from Vero cells (vIPV), which aligns with that contained in Sanofi Pasteur's single entity IPV vaccine.

This formulation of Pentacel retains the same dosing schedule, indication, safety, and immunogenicity data as the Pentacel formulation you may use currently and both formulations of Pentacel can be used to complete the series. The new formulation will have the same CPT code (90698) but will have a different NDC (49281-511-05). Click here to see the [full announcement](#) from Sanofi Pasteur.



Vaccine Payment Victory!

Those who administer vaccines may be paid more appropriately for immunizing patients in the future due to a proposed increase in the relative value unit (RVU) basis, which has been decreasing since 2017. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the proposed changes for 2021 following strong advocacy from the AAP, who argued that vaccine administration and counseling involves more work than a therapeutic injection and should not decrease in value.

If finalized later this year, the changes will go into effect January 1, 2021.

Clinicians immunizing patients with Medicaid and private insurance likely will see benefit as non-Medicare payers typically adopt some Medicare policy in developing their own policy. [Full Article](#)

Medicare Payment Rates	CPT Code	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (Proposed)
Per Vaccine Codes	90471	\$ 25.95	\$ 20.87	\$ 16.94	\$ 14.44	\$ 28.51
	90472				\$ 12.99	\$ 14.25
	90473	\$ 25.95	\$ 20.87	\$ 16.94	\$ 14.44	\$ 28.51
Per Component Codes	90460	\$ 25.95	\$ 20.87	\$ 16.94	\$ 14.44	\$ 28.51
	90461				\$ 12.99	\$ 14.25

Valuable Resources

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Plans

Many states have submitted plans to the CDC for the allocation and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines that are expected to be available in the coming weeks to months. Most states have plans to utilize various provider types as vaccine administration sites in a phased approach based on prioritized patient populations but specific plans for your state may vary. We encourage you to reach out to your state health department if you are interested in becoming a vaccine administration site for your state.

The COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan for Ohio has been published and they are currently accepting applications to register as an administration site. Please click [here](#) for more information, including an informational webinar, a checklist of items needed to submit an application and step-by-step instructions.

They are encouraging interested providers to sign up now so that everything is ready to go once vaccines are made available.

Important Reminders



Free Vaccine Trays for Your Office

CPP is offering a unique opportunity for practices to receive new vaccine trays – free of charge! The trays measure 9” x 7” and are perfect for carrying vaccines into exam rooms for administration.

[Request free trays](#) today!
(Limit 1 per provider.)



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