

Childhood Vaccine Program

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1. Do most providers charge vaccine administration fees?

Providers can choose to charge or waive vaccine administration fees when administering publicly supplied vaccines to patients under age 19. Many providers do bill administration fees to Medicaid and private/commercial insurers and may offer sliding fee scales for administration fees charged to uninsured patients.

2. Should the SL modifier be used when submitting the dosage-based assessment (DBA) to private/commercial payers?

No, the SL modifier should not be listed with the vaccine CPT and NDC codes on the DBA to private/commercial payers. The SL modifier is only required when submitting claims to Medicaid/Medicaid Managed Care Plans.

See example below from the [Washington Vaccine Association's Private Insurance Billing Guide](#) with box 24d highlighted that shows not to include modifiers. Providers who are concerned about payment for their administration and office visit claim should reference that they used state-supplied vaccine material in Box 19 of their commercial DBA claim as shown below.

3. What are sites required to do if payment is received from a private/commercial payer for the vaccine material?

If a provider receives payment for the vaccine material that is supplied through the Childhood Vaccine Program, the provider must reach out to the payer so the payer can take back the funds incorrectly paid to the provider and pay the WVA instead. The WVA cannot accept direct payments from providers.

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4. Are sites required to submit a DBA when out of network with a private/commercial payer?

Yes, the provider must still submit the DBA. There is no requirement for providers to be in network with a private/commercial payer for DBA submission.