

## COVID-19 Vaccination Payment Policy

Applies to the following Tufts Health Plan products:

- Tufts Health Plan Commercial (including Tufts Health Freedom Plan)<sup>1</sup>
- Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO (a Medicare Advantage product)<sup>2</sup>
- Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Options (SCO) (a dual-eligible product)<sup>2</sup>

Applies to the following Tufts Health Public Plans products:

- Tufts Health Direct (a Massachusetts Qualified Health Plan [QHP]; a commercial product)
- Tufts Health Together (a MassHealth MCO Plan and Accountable Care Partnership Plans)
- Tufts Health RITogether (a Rhode Island Medicaid Plan)
- Tufts Health Unify (OneCare Plan; a dual-eligible product)

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The following payment policy applies to in-network and out-of-network (OON) providers during the public health emergency (PHE) who administer COVID-19 vaccinations in the following settings: doctors' offices, minute clinics, urgent care centers, emergency rooms, pharmacies, or other appropriate locations in accordance with the state Department of Public Health (DPH) and CDC requirements. For additional information, refer to the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Vaccination Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) for Providers](#).

In addition to the specific information contained in this policy, providers must adhere to the information outlined in the [Professional Services and Facilities Payment Policy](#).

**Note:** Audit and disclaimer information is located at the end of this document.

### **POLICY**

Tufts Health Plan covers medically necessary COVID-19 vaccination, in accordance with the member's benefit. Tufts Health Plan complies with federal and state guidelines for vaccines. Refer to the [CDC](#) and the DPH for [Massachusetts](#), [Rhode Island](#) and [New Hampshire](#) for information on vaccines.

### **GENERAL BENEFIT INFORMATION**

Services and subsequent payment are pursuant to the member's benefit plan document. Member eligibility and benefit specifics should be verified prior to initiating services by logging on to the secure Provider [portal](#) or by contacting [Provider Services](#).

There is no member responsibility for the administration of Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) or FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine serums. Members may still be required to pay a copayment, deductible or coinsurance in the event that they receive non-preventive services in conjunction with a preventive services visit.

### **REFERRAL/PRIOR AUTHORIZATION/NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

No referrals, prior authorizations or inpatient notifications are required for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccination, this includes the COVID-19 vaccine being administered by OON providers during the PHE.

### **BILLING INSTRUCTIONS**

Unless otherwise stated, Tufts Health Plan follows industry-standard coding guidelines. Refer to current industry standard coding guidelines for a complete list of ICD, CPT/HCPCS, revenue codes, modifiers and their usage. For more information, refer to the [Professional Services and Facilities Payment Policy](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Commercial products include HMO, POS, PPO, Tufts Health Freedom Plan, and CareLink<sup>SM</sup> when Tufts Health Plan is the primary administrator.

<sup>2</sup> Tufts Medicare Preferred and Tufts Health Plan SCO are collectively referred to in this payment policy as Senior Products.

- Once a COVID-19 vaccine has EUA or approval from the FDA, Tufts Health Plan will accept the CPT and administrative codes for the state-supplied vaccine. **Note:** Tufts Health Plan follows state guidelines when determining which vaccines and immunizations are state-supplied.
- Providers should not submit 90460 – 90474 for the administration of SARS-CoV-2 (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccines.

**Note:** Certain codes may be released in advance of the vaccine receiving approval or EUA. These codes have been added to the below list for informational purposes but will not become effective until attainment of the necessary approval/EUA.

Code	Description
91300	SARSCOV2 VAC 30MCG/0.3ML IM; Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine
0001A	ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 1 <sup>ST</sup> ; Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – First Dose
0002A	ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 2 <sup>ND</sup> ; Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – Second Dose
91301	SARSCOV2 VAC 100MCG/0.5ML IM; Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine
0011A	ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML1ST; Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – First Dose
0012A	ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML2ND; Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – Second Dose
91302	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, chimpanzee adenovirus Oxford 1 (ChAdOx1) vector, preservative free, 5x10 <sup>10</sup> viral particles/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use
0021A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, chimpanzee adenovirus Oxford 1 (ChAdOx1) vector, preservative free, 5x10 <sup>10</sup> viral particles/0.5mL dosage; first dose
0022A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, chimpanzee adenovirus Oxford 1 (ChAdOx1) vector, preservative free, 5x10 <sup>10</sup> viral particles/0.5mL dosage; second dose
91303	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, adenovirus type 26 (Ad26) vector, preservative free, 5x10 <sup>10</sup> viral particles/0.5mL dosage, for intramuscular use
0031A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, adenovirus type 26 (Ad26) vector, preservative free, 5x10 <sup>10</sup> viral particles/0.5mL dosage, single dose

**Commercial, SCO MassHealth Standard, Tufts Health Direct, Tufts Health Together and Tufts Health RITogether**

Submit the administration procedure code(s) and vaccine/toxoid code(s) on the same claim. Tufts Health Plan will deny the claim if an administration procedure code is submitted without a vaccine/toxoid code. The provider must append the modifier SL (state-supplied antigen) to the vaccine/toxoid code to indicate the state-supplied antigen.

**Tufts Health Medicare Preferred HMO, SCO (HMO-SNP), and Tufts Health Unify**

Submit COVID-19 vaccine and administration claims to the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). Claims submitted to Tufts Health Plan will be denied.

**COMPENSATION/REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION**

Tufts Health Plan will reimburse administration of FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines in accordance with applicable state laws and federal provisions, including the CARES Act and EUA guidance.

Tufts Health Plan reimburses in-network providers for vaccine administration services according to contracted reimbursement terms and rates. OON providers are compensated according to the rates set by CMS.

Tufts Health Plan does not reimburse for non-FDA-approved vaccines and immunizations or their administration.

### **State-supplied vaccines**

For state-supplied vaccines, Tufts Health Plan reimburses only for the administration. Reimbursement for the state-supplied antigen will be \$0.

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

- [Coding for COVID-19 Vaccine Shots](#)
- [Preventive Services](#)

### **DOCUMENT HISTORY**

- January 2021: Formatting updates; added CPT codes 91303 and 0031A for informational purposes; effective once FDA/EUA is attained
- December 2020: Policy created

### **AUDIT AND DISCLAIMER INFORMATION**

Tufts Health Plan reserves the right to conduct audits on any provider and/or facility to ensure compliance with the guidelines stated in this payment policy. If such an audit determines that a provider/facility did not comply with this payment policy, Tufts Health Plan will expect the provider/facility to refund all payments related to noncompliance. For more information about Tufts Health Plan's [audit policies](#), refer to the Provider website.

This policy provides information on Tufts Health Plan claims adjudication processes. As every claim is unique, this policy is neither a guarantee of payment, nor a final indication of how specific claim(s) will be adjudicated. Claims payment is subject to member eligibility and benefits on the date of service, coordination of benefits, referral/authorization and utilization management requirements (when applicable), adherence to plan policies and procedures, and claims editing logic. An authorization is not a guarantee of payment. Claims for services subject to authorization may be reviewed for accuracy and compliance with payment policies.

This policy applies to the Tufts Health Plan products, as identified in the checkboxes on the first page, and to CareLink<sup>SM</sup> for providers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island service areas. Providers in the New Hampshire service area are subject to Cigna's provider agreements with respect to CareLink members. This policy does not apply to the Private Health Care Systems (PHCS) network (also known as Multiplan). Tufts Health Plan reserves the right to amend a payment policy at its discretion.