



Monkeypox & Smallpox Vaccines: New Product Codes

On July 23, the World Health Organization declared monkeypox a public health emergency, and HHS issued a statement regarding the Biden-Harris Administration's actions to make vaccines, testing, and treatments available.

CMS issued 2 new CPT codes effective July 26, 2022:

Code 90611 for smallpox and monkeypox vaccine product:

- Long descriptor: Smallpox and monkeypox vaccine, attenuated vaccinia virus, live, non-replicating, preservative free, 0.5 mL dosage, suspension, for subcutaneous use
- Short descriptor: SMALLPOX & MONKEYPOX VAC 0.5ML

Code 90622 for vaccinia (smallpox) virus vaccine product:

- Long descriptor: Vaccinia (smallpox) virus vaccine, live, lyophilized, 0.3 mL dosage, for percutaneous use
- Short descriptor: VACCINIA VRS VAC 0.3 ML PERQ

When the government provides vaccines at no cost, only bill for the vaccine administration:

- Don't include the vaccine codes on the claim when the vaccines are free
- Patient cost sharing applies

Laboratory test code

87593 Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); orthopoxvirus (eg, monkeypox virus, cowpox virus, vaccinia virus), amplified probe technique, each

New codes 90611 and 90622 represent the product supply. For administration, you should select from existing codes.

Existing CPT vaccine administration codes (90460, 90461, 90471, 90472) should be used to report the administration of the vaccine products described by codes 90611 and 90622 depending on the age of the patient and the administration(s) provided during the encounter.

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