

## Coming Soon: COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 6 Months and Up

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Effective for dates of service on or after June 17, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) for the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines.

## Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

The FDA amended the EUA to include use of the vaccine in individuals 6 months through 4 years of age.

## Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

The FDA amended the EUA to include use of the vaccine in individuals 6 months through 17 years of age.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is aggressively pursuing the necessary system and operational changes required to enable successful claims adjudication for administration of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines for this age range.

Medi-Cal will announce when the claims adjudication system is prepared to appropriately adjudicate submitted claims as well as any additional instruction providers should utilize when billing. Until then, providers are advised to administer the primary vaccination series to eligible children, based on recommendations from the FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and hold the claim submission until further notice.

For the most current information regarding Medi-Cal's COVID-19 response, see the <u>COVID-19 Medi-Cal Response</u> page on the Medi-Cal Provider website.

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