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SUBJECT Additions to the Medical Assistance Fee Schedule for Monkeypox Laboratory Testing and Vaccines	BY  Sally A. Kozak, Deputy Secretary Office of Medical Assistance Programs	

IMPORTANT REMINDER: All providers must revalidate the Medical Assistance (MA) enrollment of each service location every 5 years. Providers should log into PROMISe to check the revalidation dates of each service location and submit revalidation applications at least 60 days prior to the revalidation dates. Enrollment (revalidation) applications may be found at: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/PROMISe-Enrollment.aspx>.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers of the addition of procedure codes to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule for use when billing for diagnostic laboratory testing for the orthopoxvirus and for the administration of the monkeypox vaccines.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to physicians, physician assistants, certified registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, hospital based medical clinics, independent medical/surgical clinics, and laboratories enrolled in the MA Program who provide diagnostic laboratory testing or vaccines to MA beneficiaries in the Fee-for-Service (FFS) delivery system. Providers rendering services to MA beneficiaries in the managed care delivery system should contact the appropriate managed care organization with any billing questions.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

On July 23, the World Health Organization declared monkeypox a public health emergency (<https://www.who.int/europe/news/item/23-07-2022-who-director-general-declares-the-ongoing-monkeypox-outbreak-a-public-health-event-of-international-concern>), and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) issued a statement regarding the Biden-Harris

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Fee-for-Service provider service center: 1-800-537-8862

Visit the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/Contact-Information-for-Providers.aspx>.

Administration’s actions to make vaccines, testing, and treatments available and determination to accelerate the Administration’s response

(<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/07/23/statement-from-hhs-secretary-xavier-becerra-on-who-decision-to-declare-monkeypox-global-health-emergency.html>).

On July 26, 2022, the American Medical Association announced the addition of procedure code 87593 to report diagnostic laboratory testing for the orthopoxvirus, as well as procedure codes 90611 for the monkeypox and smallpox virus vaccine and 90622 for the vaccinia (smallpox) vaccine to the Current Procedural Terminology (<https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/press-releases/ama-announces-cpt-update-monkeypox-testing-and-vaccination>).

On August 4, 2022, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra declared the ongoing spread of the monkeypox virus in the United States a Public Health Emergency to further strengthen and accelerate the Administration’s response to the continued rapid transmission of monkeypox (<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/08/04/biden-harris-administration-bolsters-monkeypox-response-hhs-secretary-becerra-declares-public-health-emergency.html>).

PROCEDURE:

The Department is adding the below procedure codes to the MA Program Fee Schedule for MA enrolled providers, effective with dates of service on and after July 26, 2022, as follows:

Procedure Code	Code Description	Provider Type/ Specialty	Place of Service	MA Fee	Prior Authorization Required	Limits
87593	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); orthopoxvirus (eg, monkeypox virus, cowpox virus, vaccinia virus), amplified probe technique, each	01/183 28/280	22 81	\$39.77	No	one test per day
90611	Smallpox and monkeypox vaccine, attenuated vaccinia virus, live, non-replicating, preservative free, 0.5 mL dosage, suspension, for subcutaneous use	01/183 08/082 09/ALL 09/ALL 10/100 10/100 31/ALL 31/ALL 33/335 33/335	22 49 11 12 11 12 11 12 11 12	\$10	No	once per day

90622	Vaccinia (smallpox) virus vaccine, live, lyophilized, 0.3 mL dosage, for percutaneous use	01/183	22	\$10	No	once per day
		08/082	49			
		09/ALL	11			
		09/ALL	12			
		10/100	11			
		10/100	12			
		31/ALL	11			
		31/ALL	12			
		33/335	11			
33/335	12					

Providers may access the online version of the MA Program Fee Schedule, which reflects these changes, on the Department’s website at:

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Health%20Care%20for%20Providers/MA-Fee-Schedule.aspx>

MA providers may also bill the MA Program for the vaccines for MA eligible beneficiaries by indicating, on the claim submission, the appropriate National Drug Code and the units dispensed for the vaccine. Providers may view the DHS Pharmacy Services Covered Drugs Search Tool at:

<https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/CoveredDrugs/CoveredDrugs/Index>.

Providers may not bill the Department for the monkeypox vaccine they receive at no cost or for the administration of a monkeypox vaccine for which they will be paid by another entity to administer.

RESOURCES:

Additional information and guidance pertaining to monkeypox testing and vaccination can be found at the following links:

- American Medical Association
<https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/orthopoxvirus-and-monkeypox-coding-guidance>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>
- Pennsylvania Department of Health
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Monkeypox/Pages/Monkeypox.aspx>