

## Provider reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccination counseling visits

On June 22, a [GovDelivery](#) went out to Washington Apple Health (Medicaid) providers sharing Governor Inslee's emergency proclamation reimbursing providers for proactive COVID-19 vaccine counseling visits: [COVID-19 video update \(June 17\)](#).

Gov. Inslee and the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) are creating provisions to make proactive consultation to their patients a reimbursable service to the provider.

### How does this affect providers?

HCA encourages providers to make an extra effort to advise their unvaccinated clients about the COVID-19 vaccines. Providers can bill and be paid at the already established rates for office visits through standard billing practices.

### How can providers take advantage of this new billable service?

A provider must meet certain parameters laid out in the proclamation. View the updated [Apple Health COVID-19 vaccine clinical policy](#) for an overview of provider reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccines, including:

- Counseling visits
- Vaccination status
- Billing information
- Materials to assist provider conversations with patients
- Patient resources

### Where can I get more COVID-19 information?

- [Washington State Coronavirus Response](#)
- [Department of Health COVID-19 webpage](#)
- [Information about novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) – HCA