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Administration of Long-Acting Injectable Medications

Effective Oct. 1, 2021, <u>Session Law 2021 – 110 House Bill 96</u> authorizes immunizing pharmacists to administer Long Acting Injectable (LAI) medications to persons at least 18 years of age pursuant to a specific prescription order initiated by a prescriber.

In addition to the <u>Administration of Long-Acting Injectables Pharmacy Rule</u>, the <u>North Carolina</u> <u>Board of Pharmacy</u> has created a <u>guidance document</u> summarizing the new authority, how pharmacists may exercise it, and responsibilities should they choose to administer these long acting injectable medications.

Effective Nov. 1, 2021, the administration of LAIs to North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice beneficiaries is eligible for reimbursement of an administration fee billable through the outpatient point of sale pharmacy benefit.

- For NC Medicaid Direct point of sale (POS) claims, pharmacies must input a Level of Service (Field 418-DI) indicator equal to 05 on the POS pharmacy claim of the drug being administered for payment of the administration fee when applicable.
- The administration fee will be paid at a rate of \$17.36.
- There is a limit of one administration fee paid per claim.
- The administration fee will not be paid on Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribal pharmacy claims paid at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) flat rate.
- Appropriate claims from Oct. 1, 2021, may be retroactively submitted to include this code if the drug was administered pursuant to this new law.
- An administration fee may be paid on a compound drug claim if one or more paid injectable medications are found on the claim.
- Pharmacies cannot request an emergency supply, mailing fee or delivery fee on the same claim submitted with an LAI administration fee reimbursement indicator.

A POS message will return to the pharmacy for all claims billing the administration fee to alert the provider whether the administration fee was paid or not paid. No administration fee will be paid for denied claims.

NOTE: These claim-filing instructions are for adjudication of LAI administration fees for NC Medicaid Direct claims ONLY. Managed care will pay LAI administration fees through other point of sale methods, which will be communicated directly by the managed care plans.

NC Medicaid will monitor usage of the administration fee and may update these guidelines at any time.

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Attention: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and Pharmacists Booster Dose of Moderna and Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

On Oct. 20, 2021, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) recommended for individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, in the following groups, are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in <u>long-term care settings</u>
- Age 18+ who have <u>underlying medical conditions</u>
- Age 18+ who work or live in <u>high-risk settings</u>

For those who got the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago. More information on the FDA's authorization can be found <u>here for the Moderna vaccine</u> and <u>here for the Janssen vaccine</u>.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine brand they originally received or may prefer to get a different brand. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC's) recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots. Medicaid beneficiaries should talk to their healthcare provider about whether getting a COVID-19 booster shot is appropriate for them.

Beginning Oct. 20, 2021, NC Medicaid vaccine providers may begin administering the booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine to those beneficiaries who qualify and by self-attestation. Payment amount will be equivalent as for other doses of the COVID-19 vaccine at \$40.00 each.

For Medicaid and NC Health Choice Billing

- The ICD-10-CM diagnosis code required for billing is: Z23 Encounter for immunization
- Providers must bill with the appropriate HCPCS code
- The maximum reimbursement rate per unit is: N/A (only administration charge will be reimbursed)
- Claims must have appropriate NDCs, which correspond to the vaccine used for administration and corresponding CPT code:
 - Moderna CPT code 91306 NDC 80777027310
 - Janssen CPT code 91303 NDC 59676058005
- Claims must contain both administration codes and vaccine codes to pay
- Vaccine codes should be reported as \$0.00
- Medicaid and NC Health Choice does not allow copays to be charged for COVID-19 immunization or administrations
- COVID-19 vaccines are exempt from the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program
- TJ modifier should be used for NC Health Choice claims (age 6 through 18 years)
- EP modifier should be used for all non-NC Health Choice (only Medicaid beneficiaries) younger than 21 years of age
- CG modifier should be used for claims submitted by a pharmacy participating in the immunization program for both the vaccine and administration codes.

Vaccine CPT Code	Administration CPT Code	CPT Code Description
91306 (Moderna)	0064A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 50 mcg/0.25 mL dosage, booster dose
91303 (Janssen)	0034A	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, 5x1010 viral particles/0.5 mL dosage; booster dose

Please see the updated <u>Interim Clinical Considerations for use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently</u> <u>Authorized in the United States</u> for more details.

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Attention: Physicians, Physician's Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and Pharmacists PFIZER PEDIATRIC COVID-19 Vaccine HCPCS code 91307: Billing Guidelines

Pfizer **PEDIATRIC COVID-19** vaccine is authorized for use under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for active immunization to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in individuals 5 year through 11 years of age and older. Effective with date of service Oct. 29 2021, the Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs cover Pfizer PEDIATRIC COVID-19 Vaccine (N/A) for use in the Physician Administered Drug Program (PADP) when billed with HCPCS code 91307 - Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use.

Pfizer PEDIATRIC COVID-19 Vaccine is a preservative-free suspension for injection in a multiple dose vial. It is administered intramuscularly as a single dose (0.2 mL). See full prescribing information for further detail.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released Interim Guidance for Immunization Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic. This guidance is intended to help immunization providers in a variety of clinical and alternative settings with the safe administration of vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any questions about product-specific information, please contact the Immunization Branch help desk at (877) 873-6247 and press option 6.

For Medicaid and NC Health Choice Billing

- The ICD-10-CM diagnosis code(s) required for billing is/are: Z23 Encounter for immunization
- Providers must bill with CPT code: 91307 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use
- One Medicaid and NC Health Choice unit of coverage is: 0.2 mL (1 dose)
- The maximum reimbursement rate per unit is: N/A (federally supplied)
- Providers must bill 11-digit NDCs and appropriate NDC units. The NDCs are: 59267-1055-01, 59267-1055-02, 59267-1055-04
- The NDC units should be reported as "UN1".
- The fee schedule for the PADP is available on NC Medicaid's <u>PADP web page</u>.

Important Claims Information:

- Medicaid and NC Health Choice will reimburse at the Medicare approved COVID-19 vaccination administration rate at \$40.00
- Claims must have appropriate NDCs that correspond to the vaccine used for administration and corresponding CPT code
- Claims must contain both administration codes and vaccine codes to pay (i.e. 0071A or 0072A for corresponding administration code for 1st and 2nd pediatric vaccine, respectively)
- Vaccine codes should be reported as \$0.00
- Medicaid and NC Health Choice do not allow copays to be charged for COVID-19 immunization or administrations
- COVID-19 vaccines are exempt from the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program
- Pharmacies may administer Pfizer PEDIATRIC COVID-19 Vaccines to any Medicaid beneficiary (5 through 11 years of age) and NC Health Choice beneficiary (6 years through 11 years of age) {and any other COVID-19 vaccine as per FDA age approval}. All other vaccines (non-COVID-19 vaccines), that are approved by the NC Board of Pharmacy to be administered by a pharmacist, are only permissible to be administered at a pharmacy for Medicaid beneficiaries 19 years and older.
- TJ modifier should be appended to all NC Health Choice claims (through 18 years)
- EP modifier should be appended to all non-NC Health Choice (only Medicaid beneficiaries) younger than 21 years of age
- CG modifier should be appended to ALL COVID-19 vaccine AND administration claims submitted by a pharmacy participating in the immunization program

COVID-19 Vaccine Billing Codes for Medicaid Beneficiaries

Vaccine CPT Codes for ALL Covid-19 Vaccines to Report

Vaccine CPT Code to Report	NDC	CPT Code Description
91307	59267105501, 59267105502, 59267105504	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation, for intramuscular use

Administrative CPT Codes for ALL Covid-19 Vaccines to Bill

Administration CPT Code(s) to Bill	CPT Code Description
0071A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation; first dose
0072A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease [COVID-19]) vaccine, mRNA-LNP, spike protein, preservative free, 10 mcg/0.2 mL dosage, diluent reconstituted, tris-sucrose formulation; second dose

Preferred Brands with Non-Preferred Generics on the Preferred Drug List (PDL) *Current as of October 29, 2021*

Brand Name	Generic Name
Actiq 1200 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 1200 mcg Lozenges
Actiq 1600 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 1600 mcg Lozenges
Actiq 200 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 200 mcg Lozenges
Actiq 400 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 400 mcg Lozenges
Actiq 600 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 600 mcg Lozenges
Actiq 800 mcg Lozenges	Fentanyl Citrate 800 mcg Lozenges
Adderall XR 10 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 10 mg
Adderall XR 15 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 15 mg
Adderall XR 20 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 20 mg
Adderall XR 25 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 25 mg

Adderall XR 30 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 30 mg
Adderall XR 5 mg	Amphetamine Salt Combo ER 5 mg
Advair 100-50 Diskus	Fluticasone-Salmeterol 100-50
Advair 250-50 Diskus	Fluticasone-Salmeterol 250-50
Advair 500-50 Diskus	Fluticasone-Salmeterol 500-50
Alphagan P 0.15% Drops	Brimonidine P 0.15% Drops
Amitiza 8 mcg Capsule	Lubiprostone 8 mcg Capsule
Amitiza 24 mcg Capsule	Lubiprostone 24 mcg Capsule
Androgel Pump	Testosterone Gel Pump
Apriso ER 0.375 Gram Capsule	Mesalamine 0.375 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 10mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 10 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 15mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 15 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 20mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 20 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 30mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 30 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 40mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 40 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 50mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 50 mg Capsule
Aptensio XR 60mg Capsule	Methylphenidate ER 60 mg Capsule
Bethkis 300 mg/4 ml Ampule	Tobramycin Solution 300 mg/4 ml Ampule
Butrans 10 mcg/hr Patch	Buprenorphine 10 mcg/hr Patch
Butrans 15 mcg/hr Patch	Buprenorphine 15 mcg/hr Patch
Butrans 20 mcg/hr Patch	Buprenorphine 20 mcg/hr Patch
Butrans 5 mcg/hr Patch	Buprenorphine 5 mcg/hr Patch
Butrans 7.5 mcg/hr Patch	Buprenorphine 7.5 mcg/hr Patch
Catapres-TTS 1 Patch	Clonidine 0.1 mg/day Patch
Catapres-TTS 2 Patch	Clonidine 0.2 mg/day Patch
Catapres-TTS 3 Patch	Clonidine 0.3 mg/day Patch
Canasa 1,000 mg Suppository	Mesalamine 1,000 mg Suppository
Cipro 10% Suspension	Ciprofloxacin 500 mg/5 ml Suspension
Cipro 5% Suspension	Ciprofloxacin 250 mg/5 ml Suspension
Ciprodex Otic Suspension	Ciprofloxacin/Dexamethasone Suspension
Clobex 0.005% Shampoo	Clobetasol 0.005% Shampoo
Concerta 18 mg tab	Methylphenidate ER 18 mg
Concerta 27 mg tab	Methylphenidate ER 27 mg
Concerta 36 mg tab	Methylphenidate ER 36 mg
Concerta 54 mg tab	Methylphenidate ER 54 mg
Copaxone 20 mg/ml Syr	Glatiramer 20 mg/ml Syr
Copaxone 40 mg/ml Syr	Glatiramer 40 mg/ml Syr
Derma-Smoothe-FS Body Oil	Fluocinolone 0.01% Body Oil
Derma-Smoothe-FS Scalp Oil	Fluocinolone 0.01% Scalp Oil
Dermotic Otic Drops	Fluocinolone 0.01% Otic Drops
Diastat 2.5 mg Pedi System	Diazepam 2.5 mg Rectal Gel System

Diastat Acudial 12.5-15-20	Diazepam 20 mg Rectal Gel System
Diastat Acudial 5-7.5-10	Diazepam 10 mg Rectal Gel System
Diclegis 10-10 DR	Doxylamine Succinate/Pyridoxine HCL 10-10 DR
Differin 0.1% Cream	Adapalene 0.1% Cream
Differin 0.3% Gel Pump	Adapalene 0.3% Gel Pump
Dovonex 0.005% Cream	Calcipotriene 0.005% Cream
E.E.S 200	Erythromycin Ethyl Succinate 200 mg/5 ml
Elidel 1% Cream	Pimecrolimus 1% Cream
Emend 80 mg Capsule	Aprepitant 80 mg Capsule
EryPed 200 mg/5 ml Suspension	Erythromycin Ethyl Succinate 200 mg/5 ml
EryPed 400 mg/5 ml Suspension	Erythromycin Ethyl Succinate 400 mg/5 ml
Exelon 13.3 mg/24 hr Patch	Rivastigmine 13.3 mg/24 hr Patch
Exelon 4.6 mg/24 hr Patch	Rivastigmine 4.6 mg/24 hr Patch
Exelon 9.5 mg/24 hr Patch	Rivastigmine 9.5 mg/24 hr Patch
Focalin 10 mg	Dexmethylphenidate 10 mg
Focalin 2.5 mg	Dexmethylphenidate 2.5 mg
Focalin 5 mg	Dexmethylphenidate 5 mg
Focalin XR 10 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 10 mg
Focalin XR 15 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 15 mg
Focalin XR 20 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 20 mg
Focalin XR 25 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 25 mg
Focalin XR 30 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 30 mg
Focalin XR 35 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 35 mg
Focalin XR 40 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 40 mg
Focalin XR 5 mg	Dexmethylphenidate ER 5 mg
Gabitril 12 mg	Tiagabine 12 mg
Gabitril 16 mg	Tiagabine 16 mg
Gabitril 2 mg	Tiagabine 2 mg
Gabitril 4 mg	Tiagabine 4 mg
Humalog 100 units/ml Vial	Insulin Lispro 100 units/ml Vial
Humalog Kwikpen 100 units/ml	Insulin Lispro 100 units/ml
Humalog Jr Kwikpen 100 units/ml	Insulin Lispro Jr 100 units/ml
Humalog Kwikpen Mix 75-25	Insulin Lispro Mix 75-25
Kitabis Pak 300 mg/5 ml	Tobramycin Pak 300 mg/5 ml
Letairis 10 mg Tablet	Ambrisentan 10 mg Tablet
Letairis 5 mg Tablet	Ambrisentan 5 mg Tablet
Lialda 1.2 gm Tablet	Mesalamine 1.2 gm Tablet
Lotemax 0.5% Eye Drops	Loteprednol 0.5% Eye Drops
Methylin 10 mg/5 ml Solution	Methylphenidate 10 mg/5 ml Solution
Methylin 5 mg/5 ml Solution	Methylphenidate 5 mg/5 ml Solution
MetroCream 0.75% Cream	Metronidazole 0.75% Cream

Metrogel Topical 1% Gel	Metronidazole Topical 1% Gel
Metrogel Topical 1% Pump	Metronidazole Topical 1% Gel
Mitigare 0.6 mg capsules	Colchicine 0.6 mg capsules
Natroba 0.9% Topical Susp	Spinosad 0.9% Topical Susp
Nexium DR 10 mg Packet	Esomeprazole DR 10 mg Packet
Nexium DR 20 mg Packet	Esomeprazole DR 20 mg Packet
Nexium DR 40 mg Packet	Esomeprazole DR 40 mg Packet
Niaspan ER 1000 mg Tablets	Niacin ER 1000 mg Tablets
Niaspan ER 500 mg Tablets	Niacin ER 500 mg Tablets
Niaspan ER 750 mg Tablets	Niacin ER 750 mg Tablets
Novolog 100 U/ml Cartridge	Insulin Aspart 100 U/ml Cartridge
Novolog 100 U/ml FlexPen	Insulin Aspart 100 U/ml Pen
Novolog 100 U Vial	Insulin Aspart 100 U Vial
Nuvigil 150 MG Tabs	Armodafinil 150 mg tabs
Nuvigil 200 MG Tabs	Armodafinil 200 mg tabs
Nuvigil 250 MG Tabs	Armodafinil 250 mg tabs
Nuvigil 50 MG Tabs	Armodafinil 50 mg tabs
ProAir HFA Inhaler	Albuterol HFA Inhaler
Protopic 0.03% Oint	Tacrolimus 0.03% Oint
Protopic 0.1% Oint	Tacrolimus 0.1% Oint
Protonix 40 mg Suspension	Pantoprazole 40 mg Suspension
Provigil 100 mg	Modafinil 100 mg
Provigil 200 mg	Modafinil 200 mg
Pulmicort 0.25 mg/2 ml	Budesonide 0.25 mg/2 ml
Pulmicort 0.5 mg/2 ml	Budesonide 0.5 mg/2 ml
Pulmicort 1 mg/2 ml	Budesonide 1.0 mg/2 ml
Retin-A 0.025% Cream	Tretinoin 0.025% Cream
Retin-A 0.05% Cream	Tretinoin 0.05% Cream
Retin-A 0.1% Cream	Tretinoin 0.1% Cream
Retin-A Gel 0.01%	Tretinoin Gel 0.01%
Retin-A Gel 0.025%	Tretinoin Gel 0.025%
Retin-A Micro 0.04% Gel	Tretinoin Micro 0.04% Gel
Retin-A Micro 0.1% Gel	Tretinoin Micro 0.1% Gel
Retin-A Micro Pump 0.04% Gel	Tretinoin Micro Pump 0.04% Gel
Retin-A Micro Pump 0.1% Gel	Tretinoin Micro Pump 0.1% Gel
Sabril 500 mg Powder Packet	Vigabatrin 500 mg Powder Packet
Suboxone 12-3 mg Film	Buprenorphine/Naloxone 12-3 mg Film
Suboxone 2-0.5 mg Film	Buprenorphine/Naloxone 2-0.5 mg Film
Suboxone 4-1 mg Film	Buprenorphine/Naloxone 4-1 mg Film
Suboxone 8 mg-2 mg Film	Buprenorphine/Naloxone 8mg-2mg Film
Symbicort 160-4.5 mcg Inhaler	Budesonide-Formoterol 160-4.5 mcg Inhaler

Symbicort 80-4.5 mcg Inhaler	Budesonide-Formoterol 80-4.5 mcg Inhaler
Symbyax 3-25	Olanzapine-fluoxetine 3-25
Symbyax 6-25	Olanzapine-fluoxetine 6-25
Tecfidera DR 120 mg Capsule	Dimethyl Fumarate 120 mg Capsule
Tecfidera DR 240 mg Capsule	Dimethyl Fumarate 240 mg Capsule
Tecfidera Starter Pack	Dimethyl Fumarate Starter Pack
Tegretol 100 mg/5 ml Susp	Carbamazepine 100 mg/5 ml Susp
Tegretol 200 mg Tab	Carbamazepine 200 mg Tab
Tegretol XR 100 mg Tab	Carbamazepine ER 100 mg Tab
Tegretol XR 200 mg Tab	Carbamazepine ER 200 mg Tab
Tegretol XR 400 mg Tab	Carbamazepine ER 400 mg Tab
Tekturna 150 mg Tablet	Aliskiren 150 mg Tablet
Tekturna 300 mg Tablet	Aliskiren 300 mg Tablet
TobraDex Eye Drops	Tobramycin-Dexamethasone Drops
Tracleer 125 mg Tablet	Bosentan 125 mg tablet
Tracleer 62.5 mg Tablet	Bosentan 62.5 mg tablet
Transderm-Scop 1.5 mg/3 day	Scopolamine 1 mg/3 Day Patch
Travatan Z 0.004% Eye Drop	Travoprost 0.004% Eye Drop
Vagifem 10 mcg Vaginal Tab	Estradiol 10 mcg Vaginal Insert
Zovirax 5% Cream	Acyclovir 5% Cream
Zovirax 5% Ointment	Acyclovir 5% Ointment

As a reminder, if a brand is preferred with a Non-Preferred generic equivalent, "medically necessary" is NOT needed on the face of the prescription in order for the brand product to be covered. Claims for preferred brands with non-preferred generics will be reimbursed with a generic product dispensing fee. Claims for preferred brands with no generic or preferred brands with preferred brands with preferred brands with a brand dispensing fee.

When a PDL class has a preferred brand with a non-preferred generic, providers requesting prior approval for the non-preferred generic should give a clinical reason why the beneficiary cannot use the brand.

72-Hour Emergency Supply Available for Pharmacy Prior Authorization Drugs

Pharmacy providers are encouraged to use the 72-hour emergency supply allowed for drugs requiring prior approval. Federal law requires that this emergency supply be available to Medicaid beneficiaries for drugs requiring prior approval (Social Security Act, Section 1927, <u>42 U.S.C. 1396r-8(d)(5)(B)</u>). Use of this emergency supply will ensure access to medically necessary medications.

The system will bypass the prior approval requirement if an emergency supply is indicated. Use a "3" in the Level of Service field (418-DI) to indicate that the transaction is an emergency fill.

Note: Copayments will apply and only the drug cost will be reimbursed. There is no limit to the number of times the emergency supply can be used.

Checkwrite Schedule for December 2021

Electronic Cutoff Schedule

December 2, 2021 December 9, 2021 December 16, 2021

Checkwrite Date

December 7, 2021 December 14, 2021 December 21, 2021

POS claims must be transmitted and completed by 11:59 p.m. on the day of the electronic cutoff date to be included in the next checkwrite.

The 2021 checkwrite schedules for both NC Medicaid and DMH/DPH/ORH can be found under the Quick Links on the right side of the <u>NCTracks Provider Portal</u> home page.

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