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**TO**: All Providers Participating in MassHealth

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RE: Coverage and Reimbursement Policy for Vaccines and Testing for Monkeypox

## Background

This bulletin provides information about MassHealth coverage for monkeypox virus vaccines and testing. It applies to members enrolled in MassHealth fee-for-service, the Primary Care Clinician (PCC) Plan, Primary Care ACOs (PCACOs), and the Children’s Medical Security Plan (CMSP), as well as patients of the Health Safety Net. Information about coverage through other MassHealth managed care entities (MCEs) and the Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) will be included in a forthcoming MCE bulletin.

## Billing for Monkeypox Virus Testing and Vaccination

The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) Editorial Panel approved three new codes specific to monkeypox. The panel approved one code (87593) to report the laboratory diagnostic testing for the orthopoxvirus and two new vaccine product codes (90611, 90622) for the smallpox and monkeypox combined vaccine (JYNNEOS) and the traditional smallpox vaccine (ACAM2000), respectively. MassHealth will cover these codes for services provided by eligible providers effective July 26, 2022, at the prices described in the table that follows. Monkeypox vaccines are currently distributed to providers free-of-charge, so provider should use codes 90611 SL and 90622 SL.

EOHHS will formally establish rates for these codes, consistent with existing testing or vaccine administration rates, through administrative bulletins or amendments to relevant pricing regulations, and MassHealth will issue transmittal letters that formally add these codes to the relevant provider manuals.

| **Code** | **Description** | **Rate** | **Effective Date** |
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| 87593 | Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); orthopoxvirus (e.g., monkeypox virus, cowpox virus, vaccinia virus), amplified probe technique, each | $30.95 | 07/26/2022 |
| 90611 SL | Smallpox and monkeypox vaccine, attenuated vaccinia virus, live, non-replicating, preservative free, 0.5 mL dosage, suspension, for subcutaneous use | $0.00 | 07/26/2022 |
| 90622 SL | Vaccinia (smallpox) virus vaccine, live, lyophilized, 0.3 mL dosage, for percutaneous use | $0.00 | 07/26/2022 |

Notwithstanding the specific language around subcutaneous use for CPT code 90611, providers may bill this code for any vaccines used consistent with current clinical guidance, even if administered intradermally.

Eligible providers will be compensated for the administration of monkeypox vaccine consistent with existing rates for vaccine administration in 101 CMR 317.00: Rates for Medicine Services*.*

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