

CODING FOR VACCINATIONS

AN ENDOCRINOLOGIST'S TIP SHEET

CODING FOR VACCINE COUNSELING

When the endocrinologist, physician assistant (PA), or nurse practitioner (NP) discusses the need for a recommended vaccine(s) with the patient during an office visit, the time spent in counseling may be included in the *total time spent by the physician/NP/PA* on the date of service. Code selection may be based on the higher of total time or medical decision-making. ICD-10 code **Z71.85** is appropriate for an encounter for immunization safety counseling in addition to codes for diabetes and other problems addressed at the visit.

Office E/M Total Physician/PA/NP Time on the Date of Encounter with New Patient			
E&M Code	# of total min	MDM	ICD-10
99202	15-29	Straightforward	Codes for problems addressed and Z71.85
99203	30-44	Low	
99204	45-59	Moderate	
99205	60-74	High	

Office E/M Total Physician/PA/NP Time on the Date of Encounter with Established Patient			
E&M Code	# of total min	MDM	ICD-10
99212	10-19	Straightforward	Codes for problems addressed and Z71.85
99213	20-29	Low	
99214	30-39	Moderate	
99215	40-54	High	

- Consider code selection based on **total time** when vaccine counseling **increases** the total time of an office visit or consultation. Include only time spent by the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.
- **Always** document points of discussion, recommendation, referral, *and total time on the date of the visit*.
- Codes for other types of visits (e.g., **Preventive Medicine Counseling and Principal Care Management**) may be available to some practices.

VACCINE AND ADMINISTRATION CODES

Vaccine Codes	Administration Codes	Diagnosis Codes
Bivalent COVID-19: • 91312 • 91313	91312 - 1st dose 0121A, Add'l dose 0124A; 91313: 0134A	Link Z23 (encounter for immunization) to each vaccine product and administration code.
Influenza: 90662, 90674, 90682, 90686, 90688, 90756	All others - 90471 - 1st injection 90472 - each add'l injection	
Hepatitis B: 90746, 90759		
Pneumococcal: 90671, 90732, 90677		
RZV (Zoster): 90736, 90750		
Tdap: 90715		

Append modifier **25** (significant, separately identifiable E/M service) to E/M code for service on the same date. Report diagnosis code **Z23** (encounter for immunization) for each service.

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AAACE members and others using this guidance should make independent judgments and consult with their own coding staff or consultants to ensure they are following the applicable coding rules. Codes and guidelines change, and payers may not adhere to all guidelines. For additional details, see AAACE's Coding Toolkit for Endocrinology Practices for Vaccines for Adults with Diabetes.

