

DC Minor Vaccination Consent Act

Frequently Asked Questions

What forms do I need to submit to adhere to the DC Minor Vaccination Consent Act 2020 legislation?

For CareFirst to suppress the claim and accompanying Explanation of Benefits (EOB), and protect the patient's privacy, you must submit a **paper claim form** and the <u>D.C. Minor Consent for Vaccination</u>
Notification Form.

- Professional claims please use the current version of the CMS-1500 form (version 02/12) on original red-ink-on-white-paper.
- Institutional claims please use the current version of the UB-04 Form.

How do I submit the appropriate forms?

Forms cannot be submitted electronically and must be submitted via mail.

Regardless of the address listed on the member ID card, please fully fill out and print both the appropriate claim form and Minor Consent for Vaccination Notification Form, and mail them to:

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Privacy Office, P.O. Box 14858, Lexington, KY 40512

How should I submit claims if a parent or legal guardian accompanied a child and other services were rendered?

Please limit the services included on the paper claim form to ONLY the vaccine and its administration. The notification form should only be sent with the claim that is being processed in accordance with this law. All other services should be submitted on a separate claim form via paper or electronically, as usual.

Why do I need to indicate whether a minor was accompanied or unaccompanied?

If a parent or guardian accompanied the minor to the visit, they will be expecting an EOB outlining the care/services received during the appointment. By sending two separate claims, we will be able to generate an EOB for non-vaccine-related services.

Suppose someone who cannot make medical decisions on the behalf of a minor patient, such as an older sibling, aunt/uncle or neighbor accompanies a minor. Should the patient be considered "accompanied" or "unaccompanied?"

The minor should still be considered "unaccompanied" for our process.

How do I verify coverage and eligibility?

You can check eligibility and benefits electronically through <u>CareFirst Direct</u> or by calling 800-676-BLUE (2583).

Does this legislation allow me to administer vaccines to a minor outside Washington, D.C.?

No. This Act just applies to vaccinations given in Washington, D.C.

If you have additional questions, please contact <u>provider service</u>.