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**TO: All Pharmacy Providers**

**RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Pharmacy Billing**

Alabama Medicaid will allow vaccine administration fee reimbursement to Medicaid participating providers for federally-allocated COVID-19 vaccines.

- Pharmacies will bill vaccines through an electronic NCPDP claim.
  - Submit \$0.00 or \$0.01 for vaccine provided at no cost from the federal government.
  - Submit each vaccine with the specific approved vaccine NDC for an eligible recipient.
  - Submit the administration fee in the Incentive Amount Submitted field (NCPDP Field 438-E3) on the same claim as the vaccine (i.e., ingredient).
  - Medicaid will allow for vaccine/administration with an effective date on/after 12/28/2020.
  - Vaccines must be administered according to approved labeling for appropriate ages and dosing interval.

### NCPDP Codes and Allowed Amounts for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

	Submission Clarification Code (440-E5)	Incentive Amount (Administration Fee 438-E3)	Ingredient Cost (409-D9)
<b>Two-Dose Vaccines</b>			
First Dose	02	\$16.94	\$0.00 or \$0.01
Second Dose	06	\$28.39	\$0.00 or \$0.01
<b>Single-Dose Vaccines</b>			
Single Dose	blank	\$28.39	\$0.00 or \$0.01

- The payment rate for COVID-19 vaccine administration is \$28.39 to administer single-dose vaccines.
  - For single-dose vaccine claims, the Submission Clarification Code (SCC) should remain blank.
- The payment rate for a COVID-19 vaccine administration requiring a series of two or more doses is \$16.94 for the initial dose, and \$28.39 for the administration of the final dose in the series.
  - For multi-dose vaccines, submit 02 (other override) for the initial dose in the SCC field.
  - For the second dose, submit 06 (the previous medication was a starter dose and now additional medication is needed to continue treatment) in the SCC field.
- To participate in the administration of COVID-19 vaccine, Alabama providers must enroll in the Alabama Department of Public Health's (ADPH) ImmPRINT COVID-19 Vaccination Program. Follow the steps in the [ImmPRINT Registration Roadmap](#) to enroll.
- Pharmacies must follow state and federal laws and regulations regarding administration of vaccines.

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- State and federal standing order guidelines for products granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) must be followed. Standing order guidelines can be found at the links below.
  - Moderna:  
[https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/assets/covid19\\_moderna\\_standingorders.pdf](https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/assets/covid19_moderna_standingorders.pdf)
  - Pfizer/BioNTech:  
[https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/assets/covid19\\_pfizervaccine\\_standingorders.pdf](https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/assets/covid19_pfizervaccine_standingorders.pdf)

Pharmacy providers with questions regarding vaccine administration may call the Alabama Medicaid Pharmacy Program at (334) 242-5050.