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TO: All Pharmacy Providers

RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Pharmacy Billing

Alabama Medicaid will allow reimbursement to pharmacies for a vaccine administration fee to Medicaid providers who utilize federally allocated COVID-19 vaccines. For claims effective March 15, 2021 and after, the reimbursement rate for the administration fee is \$40.00 per dose, and will continue only during that time as described by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 that provides for increased FMAP for administration of the COVID-19 Vaccine unless ended sooner by the Alabama Medicaid Agency in a subsequent Alert.

- 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).
 - For claims on/after March 15, 2021, the administration fee is \$40.00 per dose.
 - 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)
Two Dose Vaccines			
First Dose	Not needed / blank	\$40.00	\$0.00 or \$0.01
Second Dose	Not needed / blank	\$40.00	\$0.00 or \$0.01
Single-Dose Vaccines			
Single Dose	Not needed / blank	\$40.00	\$0.00 or \$0.01

- 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.
- 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
 - Pfizer/BioNTech: 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.