April 16, 2021

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 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).
  - Medicaid will allow for vaccine/administration with an effective date on/after December 28, 2020.
  - 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.

- Per the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act, either the Pharmacy or the Pharmacist NPI may be submitted on claims for COVID-19 vaccines only.
  - Claims for administration of COVID-19 vaccines with the Pharmacy or Pharmacist NPI submitted in the prescriber field should be submitted with a SCC of 42 indicating that the prescriber ID submitted is valid and prescribing requirements have been validated.

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

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<th>Vaccines</th>
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• The payment rate for COVID-19 vaccine administration is $40.00 to administer any dose of the vaccine. As of March 15, 2021, the Submission Clarification Code indicating which dose is being administered is no longer required.

• 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.
  o Moderna: [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine: Standing Orders for Administering Vaccine to Persons 18 Years of Age and Older (cdc.gov)]
  o Pfizer/BioNTech: [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Standing Orders for Administering Vaccine (cdc.gov)]
  o Janssen (Currently the FDA and CDC have paused the use of the Janssen vaccine. More information can be found here: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/JJUpdate.html] Should this pause be lifted, the Janssen standing order can be found here): [Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine (Johnson & Johnson): Standing Orders for Administering Vaccine to Persons 18 Years of Age and Older (cdc.gov)]

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