TO: Vaccine Providers

RE: Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Counseling for Recipients Under Age 21

Effective April 1, 2021, through a time indicated by the Alabama Medicaid Agency (Medicaid), Medicaid will cover the following procedure codes for COVID-19 vaccine counseling for recipients under age 21 when billed in conjunction with a well-child visit (EPSDT periodic or interperiodic screening), whether a vaccine is or is not administered on the same day:

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<td>CPT 99401</td>
<td>preventive counseling, individual, approximately 15 minutes</td>
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**When will the rate of $31.70 end?**

At such time Medicaid indicates through a subsequent Provider ALERT.

**When is it appropriate to bill CPT 99401?**

A provider should bill this code when providing vaccine counseling to a recipient under age 21 for a COVID-19 vaccine.

**Are modifiers required?**

Provider should include modifiers CR and 25 when billing CPT 99401 with a well-child visit on the same day of service.

For questions, please visit [www.medicaid.alabama.gov](http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov) or call the Medicaid Fiscal Agent at 1-800-688-7989.