



**TO:** Pharmacies, Physicians, Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs), Independent Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) – **For Action**  
Managed Healthcare Organizations – **For Information Only**

**SUBJECT:** Updated New Jersey Reimbursement for Pharmacist-Administered COVID-19 Vaccines

**EFFECTIVE:** October 1, 2024

**PURPOSE:** To notify providers regarding a change in reimbursement for pharmacist-administered COVID-19 vaccinations.

**BACKGROUND:** The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 required State Medicaid and CHIP programs to provide coverage of COVID-19 vaccinations, testing and treatments without cost-sharing through the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the COVID-19 public health emergency. During the public health emergency, New Jersey FamilyCare/Medicaid aligned its reimbursement for COVID-19 Vaccines administration with the Medicare rate.

After the expiration of the temporary federal requirements around COVID-19 vaccinations on September 30, 2024, New Jersey FamilyCare/Medicaid shall continue to provide coverage and reimbursement for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines without member cost sharing. However, DMAHS is changing the reimbursement rate for administering COVID-19 vaccines in order to align with the rates paid for the administration of other vaccines and is discontinuing certain billing procedures related to COVID-19 vaccine administration, as described in the Medicaid Newsletter Volume 31, No. 02.

**ACTION:** Effective October 1, 2024 pharmacy reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration shall be determined by the Actual Acquisition Cost of the vaccine plus a professional fee of \$10.92.

**In addition, the following billing procedures have been discontinued:**

- The NCPDP Field 420-DK, “**Submission Clarification Code (SCC)**” is no longer populated.
- The NCPDP Field 440-E5, “**Professional Service Code**” is no longer populated.

- The NCPDP Field 438-E3, “**Incentive Amount Submitted**” is no longer populated. The amount paid for the vaccine administration will no longer be returned to the pharmacy in the NCPDP Field 521-FL “**Incentive Fee Paid.**”

### **Additional Requirement**

The pharmacy is responsible for continuing to update the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIS) with information related to the COVID-19 vaccine within forty-eight (48) hours of administration. Pharmacist should also review the NJIS system prior to providing the vaccine to avoid duplication.

If you have any questions concerning this Newsletter, please contact Gainwell Technologies Provider Services at 1-800-776-6334.

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