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Agency of Human Services

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## \*\*Attention Pharmacies and Pharmacists\*\*

## Pharmacist Enrollment Required for Reimbursement of COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is issuing this notice for pharmacies and pharmacists who will provide COVID-19 vaccines to Vermont Medicaid members. The federal PREP Act and/or Vermont law allows licensed pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist, to administer COVID-19 vaccines. Please refer to the <a href="Vermont Board of Pharmacy">Vermont Board of Pharmacy</a> <a href="Emergency Guidance">Emergency Guidance</a> for specific pharmacist authorities. COVID-19 vaccines for pediatric patients are not expected to be reviewed or approved under an EUA until additional clinical trials are conducted. **DVHA will issue guidance on COVID-19 vaccines for children when more information becomes available.** 

Effective September 1, 2020, Vermont Medicaid allows pharmacists to enroll in the Medicaid program as licensed providers to provide Medicaid services in accordance with their scope of practice, and state and federal law. This includes ordering and administering COVID-19 diagnostic tests and COVID-19 vaccines during the public health emergency.

Any pharmacist who plans to administer or supervise administration of a COVID-19 vaccine <u>must be</u> <u>enrolled with Vermont Medicaid</u> for the pharmacy to be eligible for reimbursement for such vaccinations. Please enroll as soon as possible to assure that claims will process correctly.

**Pharmacist Enrollment:** To enroll as a provider with Vermont Medicaid, please follow the instructions below:

- Visit https://vermont.hppcloud.com/Home/Index/
- 2. Click "Menu" on the top left-hand corner of the screen
- 3. Select Provider Enrollment and then New Enrollment
- 4. Fill out the enrollment form and click submit
- 5. Informational Provider Management Module training can be found by clicking http://www.vtmedicaid.com/#/provEnrollResources

Questions related to <u>Provider Enrollment</u> should be directed to: <u>vtproviderenrollment@dxc.com</u> or call 802-879-4450, and press option 1 for the Provider Services Helpdesk.

For questions regarding pharmacy COVID-19 vaccinations, please contact the DVHA Pharmacy Unit at <a href="mailto:ahs.dvhaph@vermont.gov">ahs.dvhaph@vermont.gov</a> . Further guidance on the billing and reimbursement of COVID-19 vaccinations will be issued soon.

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