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****Important Changes to Administration Fee for Vaccines****

Dear Medicaid Provider,

The administration fee for vaccines will be changing from \$16.82 to \$17.45. This change will be effective for dates of service beginning 07/01/2023. This adjustment is being made to align with changes to the physician fee schedule (CPT code 90471) for adult vaccinations. DVHA-enrolled pharmacies may be reimbursed for vaccinations administered at pharmacies to adults 19 years and older who are enrolled in Vermont's publicly funded programs. Pharmacists must be certified to administer vaccines in the State of Vermont and must be compliant with all Vermont laws governing vaccine administration. Failure to comply with all Vermont immunization regulations will subject these claims to recoupment. Children ages 6 months through 18 years presenting for vaccination at pharmacies should be referred to their health care provider for state-supplied vaccines. Pharmacies interested in vaccinating children may outreach the Vermont Child Vaccine Program ahs.vdhimmunizationprogram@vermont.gov. **Please note, this change does not apply to COVID-19 vaccine administration.**

Through the pharmacy point-of-sale (POS) system, the pharmacy must submit the code "MA" in the Professional Service Code field to receive full reimbursement. There is no dispensing fee paid for pharmacist-administered vaccines. There is no member co-pay for administered vaccines. Pharmacies will continue to be reimbursed for the ingredient cost of the vaccine as well as the administration fee. An administration fee may be applied to adult ACIP recommended vaccines including:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Herpes Zoster
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal
- Pneumococcal
- Tetanus and Diphtheria
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis
- Varicella

For questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to PBA_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com. Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.