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Dear Medicaid Provider,

**Effective 10/5/23**, The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is updating the administration fee for the 2023-2024 commercial COVID-19 vaccines to \$40.00, to align with Medicare reimbursement. This change will be retroactive to 9/11/2023. DVHA-enrolled pharmacies may be reimbursed for injectable COVID-19 vaccinations administered to adults 19 years and older who are enrolled in Vermont’s Medicaid. Pharmacists must be enrolled with Vermont Medicaid, 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. **Participation in the Vermont Child Vaccine Program (VCVP) is mandatory for providers who wish to provide vaccinations to children under age 19 insured by Vermont Medicaid.** If the pharmacy is not enrolled in VCVP please refer members through age 18 years presenting for vaccinations at pharmacies to their health care provider for State-supplied vaccines at no cost to the member. Under the DVHA General Provider Agreement (Conditions 4.2), providers shall not bill a member for any covered service.

Currently covered COVID-19 vaccines: Comirnaty® (Pfizer), Novavax®, Spikevax® (Moderna).

Pharmacies are reimbursed for the ingredient cost and administration fee for COVID-19 vaccines. No dispensing fee is paid for vaccine claims. Basis of Cost and Submission Clarification Codes are no longer required.

Through the pharmacy POS system, the pharmacy must submit the code “MA” in the Professional Service Code field for the COVID-19 vaccine claim to document the administration of the vaccine and receive full reimbursement. There is **NO member copay** for vaccines.

| Required NCPDP Fields |                           |                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| NCPDP Field Number    | NCPDP Field Description   | Required Code   |
| 44Ø-E5                | Professional Service Code | MA              |
| 4Ø7-D7                | Product/Service ID        | NDC for vaccine |

For questions regarding this benefit, 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.