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****Updates to Administration Fee for Vaccines and Prep Act Extension****

Dear Medicaid Provider,

Starting January 1, 2025, the administration fee for non-COVID-19 vaccines will be \$17.59. For COVID-19 vaccines, the fee will be \$39.40. This change aligns with updates to the physician fee schedule for vaccinations.

Vermont Medicaid enrolled pharmacies can be reimbursed for vaccinations to Medicaid members. The Federal PREP Act was extended on December 11, 2024. As a result, Vermont Medicaid will continue to cover COVID-19 vaccines and their administration for children ages 3 and older outside of the Vermont Vaccines for Children Program.

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.

For questions, please contact the Optum RX Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email: **VermontHD@optum.com**

Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's clinical pharmacy programs.