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Dear Medicaid Provider,

COVID -19 vaccines are now commercially available and included in the recently updated CDC recommendations. The 2023-2024 updated COVID-19 vaccines will be active in the Pharmacy Point-of Sale system effective 9/22/2023 with claims processing retroactively to the effective date of 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 publicly funded programs. 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. As a reminder, **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.** Pharmacies who wish to get reimbursed for administering vaccines to Medicaid-eligible children must enroll in the VCVP program. More information about enrollment and forms can be found on the Vermont Department of Health website.

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

Pharmacies are reimbursed for the ingredient cost and administration fee for COVID-19 vaccines. At this time, due to system coding limitations, the administration fee will pay at \$17.45 in line with other vaccine administrations. Once the coding changes have been implemented it will allow for the enhanced administration fee of \$40.00, to align with Medicare reimbursement will be retroactive to 9/11/2023. There will be additional communication provided once available.

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. Please note there will be **NO member copay** for any vaccines.

Required NCPDP Fields		
NCPDP Field Number	NCPDP Field Description	Required Code
440-E5	Professional Service Code	MA
407-D7	Product/Service ID	NDC for COVID 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.