



State of Vermont
Department of Vermont Health Access
NOB 1 South, 280 State Drive
Waterbury, VT 05671-1010

Agency of Human Services
[Phone] 802-879-5900
[Fax] 802-241-0268

BIN: 017795	PCN: VTPOP
BIN: 017795	PCN: VTPARTD

November 25, 2024

**Coverage Changes COVID-19 Vaccines for Children
and Emergency Use Authorized Drugs**

Effective January 1, 2025, coverage is ending for drugs for the treatment of COVID-19 that are not FDA-approved. This includes drugs such as Lagevrio (molnupiravir) and Pempgarda (pemivibart). This change aligns with Medicare Part D coverage and reflects the conclusion of the COVID-19 coverage period. FDA approved treatments for COVID-19 continue to be covered.

Effective January 1, 2025, VT Medicaid will no longer reimburse pharmacists for administering COVID-19 vaccines to children. The federal PREP Act had permitted pharmacists to give COVID-19 vaccines to children outside of this program until December 31, 2024. To continue administering Covid-19 vaccines to Medicaid enrolled children under age 19, pharmacies must participate in the State Vaccines for Children program. More information about the Vermont Immunization Program can be found on the [Vermont Department of Health's website](#). 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.

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

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