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**\*\*COVID-19 VACCINE COVERAGE FOR MEMBERS AGE 3 and OLDER\*\***

Dear Medicaid Provider,

Effective November 10, 2023, The Department of Vermont Health Access will reimburse pharmacies for the cost of the COVID-19 vaccine and its administration in accordance with the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act). The PREP Act authorizes pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccinations to children ages 3 years and older. COVID-19 vaccines are available for Medicaid members under the age of 19 through the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC). Pharmacies can be reimbursed for COVID-19 vaccines outside of the VFC program.

**Pharmacies may submit claims retroactive to 9/11/2023.** DVHA-enrolled pharmacies may be reimbursed for injectable COVID-19 vaccinations administered to adults and children ages 3 and older who are enrolled in Medicaid. Pharmacists must be enrolled with Vermont Medicaid, certified to administer vaccines in the State of Vermont, and must be compliant with all PREP Act requirements governing vaccine administration.

Pharmacies are reimbursed for the ingredient cost and administration fee for COVID-19 vaccines. No dispensing fee is paid for vaccine claims. The administration fee of \$40.00 will apply. 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 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.