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## **Important Information for COVID-19 Booster Vaccines**

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Dear Medicaid Pharmacy Provider,

The FDA recently authorized the use of a third COVID vaccine dose in immunocompromised patients. Accordingly, NCPDP has released updates to their emergency preparedness guidelines. We are in the process of planning with our development and configuration teams the coding changes that will be needed to accommodate this new guidance. We anticipate that these changes will be implemented in early September.

This notice is to let pharmacies know that once the changes have been implemented you may submit claims for reimbursement for administration of COVID-19 vaccine boosters in these immunocompromised patients retroactive to dates of service on or after August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Further communication with billing instructions will be sent in the next week. Pharmacists who administer or supervise administration of COVID-19 vaccines must be Medicaid-enrolled, regardless of who is the ordering provider. Please note that Vermont Medicaid will not reimburse for vaccine administration costs included in other contracts or agreements.

Please refer to the most recent version of Section 6.2.1 of the for refer to the [NCPDP EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDANCE V1.10](#) document on the [NCPDP.org website](#) for examples and additional guidance on billing for reimbursement of a free product.

For questions, 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](mailto:PBA_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com). Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's publicly funded pharmacy benefits programs.

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