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****Important Billing Information for COVID-19 Vaccination for Uninsured Individuals****

Dear Medicaid Provider,

As we previously [announced](#), effective March 11, 2021, under the [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\)](#), uninsured individuals are eligible to receive coverage for COVID-19 vaccine administration and treatment at no cost to the individual. This message is to inform providers that we can now accept **Section 80, Pharmacy Services**, claims for COVID-19 vaccine administration for individuals in the uninsured coverage group (**these individuals are identified in the system as MaineRx members**).

This coverage is for individuals who meet the following criteria:

They are a Maine resident;

- They are a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or eligible immigrant; and
- They are uninsured;
 - Not eligible for or enrolled in MaineCare or Cub Care;
 - Not enrolled in another health care program funded by the federal government, including: Medicare, TRICARE, and Veterans Administration, and federal employee health plans; and
 - Not enrolled in a commercial group health plan or other health insurance coverage.

Providers who had been holding their claims for covered COVID-19 vaccine administration codes for dates of service on or after March 11, 2021 may now submit their claims. Providers may also resubmit any previously denied claims for covered COVID-19 vaccine administration codes for dates of service on or after March 11, 2021.

MaineCare is reimbursing providers based on Medicare's regional rates for Maine, per our standard practice. The reimbursement rate will be set at 100% of the regional rate. The following chart reflects the various reimbursement changes that have occurred since the release of the January 27, 2021 provider communication specific to the administration of the COVID-19 vaccines at pharmacies.

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Vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)	Effective Dates	First Dose Rate	Second Dose Rate
Pfizer	12/15/2020 - 12/31/2020	\$16.94	\$28.39
Pfizer	1/1/21 - 3/14/2021	\$26.21	\$15.87
Pfizer	3/15/21 to Open	\$37.29	\$37.29
Vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)	Effective Dates	First Dose Rate	Second Dose Rate
Moderna	12/15/2020 - 12/31/2020	\$16.94	\$28.39
Moderna	1/1/21 - 3/14/2021	\$26.21	\$15.87
Moderna	3/15/21 to Open	\$37.29	\$37.29
Vaccine Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)	Effective Dates	Single Dose Rate	
Johnson & Johnson	12/15/2020 - 12/31/2020	NA	
Johnson & Johnson	1/1/21 - 3/14/2021	\$26.21	
Johnson & Johnson	3/15/21 to Open	\$37.29	

Please note that MaineCare will not reimburse providers for services when providers are being reimbursed through a separate arrangement with another payer, such as the [Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#).

For questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-888-420-9711. MaineCare providers can also send inquiries via email to PBA_helpdesk@changehealthcare.com. For more information on COVID-19 billing, please see MaineCare's [COVID-19 Billing and Coding Guidance](#). For more information on testing, treatment, and vaccination coverage for uninsured individuals, please see MaineCare's [provider guidance](#) on this topic.

Thank you for your commitment to serving MaineCare members.