



August 19, 2021

Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Policy Transmittal: 2021-26

Applicable to the **2018-2023 SMMC contract benefits** for:

- Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) and MMA Specialty
- Long-Term Care (LTC)
- Dental

Re: Update to PT 2021-21: COVID-19 State of Emergency: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Initiative

On March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-51 related to the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The Agency for Health Care Administration remains committed to ensuring Medicaid recipients receive medically necessary care to prevent and treat COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccination is a critical prevention measure to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, the Agency developed an initiative to incentivize managed care plans to continue working towards a target vaccination uptake of eighty (80) percent of their enrollees. The purpose of this policy transmittal is to notify the managed care plan of changes to the COVID-19 vaccine administration initiative issued in PT 2021-21 on June 18, 2021.

Timeframe

The COVID-19 vaccine administration initiative period in PT 2021-21 included dates of service June 18, 2021 through August 31, 2021. With this policy transmittal, the Agency is extending the COVID-19 vaccine administration initiative period through September 30, 2021.

Enrollee Categories

With this policy transmittal, the Agency is lowering the beginning age of two enrollee categories for the COVID-19 vaccine administration initiative as noted in the attachment to PT 2021-21. The updated ages are noted in the chart below in red text.

Enrollee Category	
PT 2021-21	Updates With This PT
65 years old or older	65 years old or older
Disabled, as defined by receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Disabled, as defined by receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
40 – 64 years old	30 – 64 years old
39 years old or younger	29 years old or younger

Qualifying for the Initiative

The COVID-19 vaccine administration initiative as described in PT 2021-21 required that every managed care plan achieve greater than fifty (50) percent of all their enrollees aged fifty (50) years and older receiving a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine before any managed care plan could qualify for the initiative. With this policy transmittal, the Agency is changing this



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requirement so that each managed care plan that achieves greater than fifty (50) percent of all their enrollees aged fifty (50) years and older receiving a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine is now eligible to earn reductions in their calendar year 2020 performance measure liquidated damages.

An updated Initiative Methodology is attached to this policy transmittal.

If you have questions, please contact your Agency contract manager at (850) 412-4004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue highlight effect.

Tom Wallace
Deputy Secretary for Medicaid

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Attachment 1: Initiative Methodology UPDATED 8.19.2021