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Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Policy Transmittal: 2020-71-Revised

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

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

Re: COVID-19 State of Emergency: Vaccine Administration

The Agency for Health Care Administration remains committed to ensuring Medicaid recipients receive medically necessary care to prevent and treat the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The purpose of this alert is to detail Medicaid coverage of the new COVID-19 vaccines.

Eligible Enrollees and Exclusions

The managed care plan must cover the COVID-19 vaccine administration for all enrollees, including those residing in facility-based settings (e.g., nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, etc.).

The managed care plan is not responsible for reimbursement of the COVID-19 vaccine administration for enrollees with Medicare or commercial insurance.

The Florida Medicaid program covers the COVID-19 vaccine administration by age, as specified in the Food and Drug Administration Emergency Use Authorization approval for each vaccine product.

Prior Authorization

The managed care plan must not require prior authorization for the vaccine administration or product.

Co-Payments

The managed care plan must waive co-payment requirements for all COVID-19 vaccine administration and products, including co-payments for a physician office visit at which the vaccine is administered.

Eligible Providers

The managed care plan must reimburse Medicaid-enrolled providers for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine, for any place of service, and without regard to whether such services are provided by a participating or nonparticipating provider:

- Physicians and physician extenders, including those practicing in a County Health Department, Federally Qualified Health Center, or Rural Health Clinic.
- Pharmacies for COVID-19 vaccine administration rendered by a pharmacist.



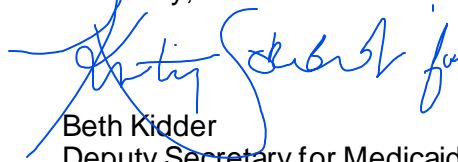
Billing & Reimbursement

Effective December 17, 2020 and retroactive to December 11, 2020, the managed care plan must cover the vaccine administration as indicated in the Eligible Enrollees and Exclusions section above. The managed care plan must complete all necessary system programming for claims processing of the vaccine administration codes by January 18, 2021.

The managed care plan is not responsible for reimbursement of the vaccine product at this time, since it is currently available at no cost through [Operation Warp Speed](#). Vaccine administration codes and fee-for-service delivery system rates for physicians, physician extenders, and pharmacy providers are provided in the attachment to this policy transmittal.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your contract manager.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Secretary for Medicaid

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Attachment