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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Guidance for the COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkits & COVID-19 Vaccine Significant Cost Determination

In preparation for the release of the COVID-19 vaccine, CMS developed centrally located COVID-19 vaccine toolkits to convey critical information to all stakeholders. As more information becomes available these toolkits will be updated as needed.

Additionally, CMS announced the legislative change in benefits to add Part B coverage of a COVID-19 vaccine, and its administration meets the significant cost threshold. Given the significant cost determination, Medicare payment for COVID vaccinations administered during calendar years 2020 and 2021 to Medicare Advantage (MA) beneficiaries will be made through the Medicare FFS program. Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in MA plans will be able to access the COVID-19 vaccine, without cost sharing, at any FFS provider or supplier that participates in Medicare and is eligible to bill under Part B for vaccine administration, including those enrolled in Medicare as a mass immunizer or a physician, non-physician practitioner, hospital, clinic, or group practice. Therefore, contracted Molina Healthcare providers should submit claims for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to the appropriate CMS Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) for payment.

Links to MACs:

- <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Contracting/Medicare-Administrative-Contractors/MedicareAdministrativeContractors>
- <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Contracting/Medicare-Administrative-Contractors/Who-are-the-MACs>

Additional Important links:

- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/COVID-19-toolkit-issuers-MA-plans.pdf>
- [https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://www.cms.gov/COVIDvax_!!DOW_8Fim!fd6BCZyFuMFnLPailyiFgi0sUnN_K1cCW_CAMTH5h8Vt-riGEzN729oYcentaTpGIXtstm77yD7RbQ\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://www.cms.gov/COVIDvax_!!DOW_8Fim!fd6BCZyFuMFnLPailyiFgi0sUnN_K1cCW_CAMTH5h8Vt-riGEzN729oYcentaTpGIXtstm77yD7RbQ$)
- <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-acts-ensure-coverage-life-saving-covid-19-vaccines-therapeutics>
- [https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-vax-ifc-4.pdf_!!DOW_8Fim!fd6BCZyFuMFnLPailyiFgi0sUnN_K1cCW_CAMTH5h8Vt-riGEzN729oYcentaTpGIXtstm6yF5ELQ\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-vax-ifc-4.pdf_!!DOW_8Fim!fd6BCZyFuMFnLPailyiFgi0sUnN_K1cCW_CAMTH5h8Vt-riGEzN729oYcentaTpGIXtstm6yF5ELQ$)

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