

CMS Guidance for the COVID-19 Vaccine

Information for all Medicare and MyCare Ohio providers

In preparation for the release of the COVID-19 vaccine, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) developed centrally located COVID-19 (Coronavirus) vaccine toolkits to convey critical information to all stakeholders. As more information becomes available these toolkits linked below will be updated as needed.

Additionally, CMS announced the legislative change in benefits to add Medicare Part B coverage of a COVID-19 vaccine. Medicare payment for COVID-19 vaccinations administered during calendar years 2020 and 2021 to Medicare Advantage (MA) beneficiaries will be made through the Medicare Fee-For-Service (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. This includes those providers enrolled in Medicare as a mass immunizer including traditional providers such as a physician, or non-physician practitioner, hospital, clinic or group practice. Molina Healthcare providers should submit claims for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to the appropriate CMS Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) for payment. Information regarding payment is available at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/medicare-covid-19-vaccine-shot-payment>.

NOTE: If a COVID-19 vaccine claim is misdirected to Molina Healthcare, the remit message would be “N193 Alert: Specific federal/state/local program may cover this service through another payer.”

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://www.cms.gov/COVIDvax>
- <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-acts-ensure-coverage-life-saving-covid-19-vaccines-therapeutics>
- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-vax-ifc-4.pdf>

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