

Notice Date: July 26, 2021
To: Ohio Medicaid FQHC Providers
From: Ohio Managed Care Plans
Subject: COVID-19: Vaccine Administration Fee Bonus Payment
Effective Date: June 10, 2021

Summary

As previously communicated via Ohio managed care plans (MCPs) on June 25, 2021, Ohio MCPs have updated vaccination billing processes, noting that more information would be published pertaining to Ohio Medicaid federally qualified health centers (FQHC), qualified federal planning providers (QFPP) and rural health center (RHC) providers.

Given the unique billing and payment guidelines associated with FQHCs, RHCs and QFPPs, Ohio MCPs will issue the standard **administration fee** for the **first dose** of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccinations, and the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccination. This standard administration fee for the vaccination is **\$37.98**. The new bonus payment will be effective until December 31, 2021.

The new bonus payment of **\$62.02** will still be available to FQHCs, RHCs and QFPPs; however, this incentive will be paid through regular incentive payments outside of the normal claim payment process. These incentive payments will be regularly calculated by Ohio MCPs based on the claims received for the COVID-19 vaccine administration fee and issued to the FQHC, RHC and QFPP providers via a lump sum payment on a regular basis.

FQHCs, RHCs and QFPPs should bill these administration fees consistent with approved CPT codes for billing.

Please note that while it is not required, we encourage you to bill the vaccine and the administration code together for reporting purposes. You will need to bill one vaccine code and one administration code per dose of the vaccine administered. **At this time there will be no reimbursement for the vaccine, only the administration fee.**

Providers will have until March 1st, 2022 to submit claims for administration of the initial vaccination to receive the bonus payment (regardless of FQHC status).

Questions?

For questions, please reach out to the Provider Services hotline of one of the MCPs listed below:



Buckeye Health Plan

Provider Services - (866) 296-8731

CareSource

Provider Services - (800) 488-0134

Molina Healthcare

Provider Services - (855) 322-4079

Paramount Advantage

Provider Services - (800) 891-2542

United Healthcare

Provider Services - (800) 600-9007

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