



MEMO

To: Network Pharmacy
From: Elixir
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2020
RE: COVID-19 Vaccine Claim Processing

Dear Pharmacy:

On December 11, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization allowing the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to be distributed in the U.S. Authorization of additional COVID vaccines may come in the near future as well. Please review the information below regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine coverage, reimbursement, and billing.

- For pharmacies enrolled with the Federal COVID-19 Vaccination Program, you may begin processing the COVID-19 Vaccine effective today, as supply is available.
- Elixir will support the adjudication of the COVID-19 Vaccine for commercial and Medicaid clients (if applicable). For beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans during CY 2020 and 2021, payment for the COVID-19 Vaccine and its administration will be made through the original fee-for-service Medicare program. The reject messaging for Medicare Part D BIN/PCN (PDP or MAPD) will be A5 (Not Covered under Part D law) with additional messaging to bill Medicare Part B FFS.
- The vaccine itself will be paid for through funding authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, but administration of the vaccine by pharmacies will be paid for by the payer (for example, the private insurance company, Medicare FFS, or the Provider Relief Fund)
- Elixir will reimburse pharmacies an administration fee for the COVID-19 Vaccine when administered to members. Single dose vaccines will receive an administration fee of \$28.39. Multi-dose vaccines will receive an administration fee of \$16.94 for the initial dose and \$28.39 for the second dose.
 - The correct administration fee must be entered in the “**Incentive Amount Submitted**” field which appears as **FIELD #438-E3** on the Payer Sheet.
- Two-dose vaccines must be submitted with the NCPDP identified Submission Clarification Codes to differentiate between the first and second dose. For the first of two doses, Pharmacy must submit the Submission Clarification Code of 2 “Other Override”. For the second and final dose, Pharmacy must submit the Submission Clarification Code of 6 “Starter Dose”.
 - The correct Submission Clarification Code (SCC) must be entered in the “**Submission Clarification Code**” field which appears as **FIELD #420-DK** on the Payer Sheet.
- As with all vaccine claim submissions, pharmacies must submit “**MA**” in the “**Professional Service Code**” field which appears as **FIELD #440-E5** on the Payer Sheet.

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- For additional guidance on accurate claims submission, please review the “NCPDP Emergency Preparedness Guidance – COVID-19 Vaccines” (<https://www.ncdp.org/NCPDP/media/pdf/NCPDP-Emergency-Preparedness-Guidance-COVID-19-Vaccines.pdf>).
- **Members will NOT have any cost share amount and should not be charged anything out of pocket.**
- The list of covered GPIs will be listed in the Pharmacy Manual and updated as new GPIs become available. We are not requiring that pharmacies sign an amendment as the Pharmacy Manual will outline administration fee reimbursement. The Pharmacy Manual can be found at <https://www.elixirsolutions.com/providers> under the “Processing Information” category.

Thank you,

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