

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Health Plan Advisory

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TO: Nebraska Heritage Health Plans

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RE: Add-on Reimbursement for In-Home COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health plans of upcoming changes to reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccination administration. This change applies to claims paid directly by the program via fee for service and to claims paid by the Heritage Health plans in managed care.

Effective August 6, 2021, Nebraska Medicaid will pay an additional fee of \$32.50 for the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine in a beneficiary's home¹ when any of the following apply:

- They have a condition that makes them more susceptible to contracting a pandemic disease.
- They are generally unable to leave the home, and if they do leave home it requires a considerable and taxing effort.
- They have a disability or face clinical, socioeconomic, or geographical barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine in places other than their home.
- They face challenges that significantly reduce their ability to get vaccinated outside the home, such as challenges with transportation, communication, or caregiving.

The following limitations apply:

- The additional fee can be billed only if the **sole service** provided is a COVID-19 vaccine administration.

¹ Home" means any of the following:

- A private residence
- Temporary lodging (for example, a hotel, motel, campground, hostel, or homeless shelter)
- An apartment complex or unit in an assisted living or group home

- The additional fee is paid only **once** if more than one beneficiary receives the vaccine in the same home on the same day. Bill the additional fee for only one beneficiary in this circumstance.
- The additional fee is paid only if the underlying vaccine administration is paid for by **Medicaid**.

Billing Information:

- Continue to use [relevant HCPCS codes](#) to bill for vaccine administration
- Use HCPCS **M0201** to bill the add-on fee

Like with all other claims, the provider is responsible for making sure the service is clearly documented (including which reason justifies billing the add-on fee) and that they bill appropriately and correctly. In addition, also like with all other claims, submitted claims are subject to post-payment review and recoupment when warranted.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Medicaid via email at:

DHHS.MedicaidPharmacyUnit@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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