

**To:** All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program  
**From:** Kevin Bagley, Director *KB*  
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**Re:** January COVID-19 Vaccine & Medication Updates

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This provider bulletin is being issued to notify Medicaid providers of the following:

- New updates on COVID-19 vaccines; and
- Reimbursement for oral antiviral medications, vaccines, and monoclonal antibody administration

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Updates:**

Medicaid will cover an additional primary dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for moderately or severely immunocompromised individuals age 5-11. For these individuals, three doses will complete their primary series, and this third dose should take place 28 days after their second dose.

Additionally, Medicaid will cover booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine for all individuals ages 12 and older. Booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine should be administered at least 5 months after completing the primary series of the vaccine. For Medicaid members age 12-17, only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized and recommended by the FDA. Booster dose for Moderna and J&J currently remains for ages 18 years and older.

As the CDC adopts new guidance surrounding COVID-19 vaccines, Medicaid will cover vaccines in line with their guidance.

### **Reimbursement for COVID Treatments:**

For government-supplied COVID-19 oral antiviral medications that are dispensing out of the pharmacy, Medicaid will pay its standard dispensing fee for fee-for-service members. Medicaid's managed care health plans may pay a contractual rate to the pharmacy for Medicaid members the health plan covers.

The COVID fee schedules outline reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccines and monoclonal antibody administration. These fee schedules are available at the link below:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Rates-and-Fee-Schedules.aspx>

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

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