State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 28, 2020

TO: Louisiana Medicaid Providers

FROM: Louisiana Medicaid

SUBJECT: Updated Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccine and Treatment Coverage

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Louisiana Medicaid has updated Informational Bulletin 20-5: COVID-19 – Provider Update with information regarding coverage for COVID-19 testing, treatment and vaccination for Medicaid beneficiaries. **Read the full Informational Bulletin and all updates here.**

COVID-19 Vaccine and Treatment Coverage

For all Medicaid members, testing is covered with no copay. In addition, clinic visits, emergency department visits, and hospitalizations related to COVID-19 testing and treatment are covered without copays.

The relevant procedure codes for treatments and treatment administration are listed on the "COVID-19 Laboratory Fee Schedule" which will be updated as new information becomes available.

Additionally, Medicaid covers all COVID-19 treatments for which the FDA has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). Treatment coverage is provided with no cost sharing for Medicaid beneficiaries.

The relevant procedure codes for treatments and treatment administration are listed on the "COVID-19 Vaccine/Treatment Fee Schedule" which will be updated as new information becomes available. Coverage is provided according to the clinical criteria listed in the EUA and is effective on the date listed on the fee schedule.

COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage

Louisiana Medicaid covers all COVID-19 vaccinations for which the FDA has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). Vaccine coverage is provided without the requirement

of prior authorization in both the medical and pharmacy benefit and with no cost sharing for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Vaccine resources for providers can be found below:

- [Clinical guidance can be accessed from the Office of Public Health advisories on COVID-19 vaccination.](#)
- [Training tools for providers can be found here.](#)

For the medical benefit, the relevant procedure codes for vaccines and vaccine administration are listed on the "COVID-19 Vaccine/Treatment Fee Schedule" which will be updated as new information becomes available. A separate provider notice will be issued with guidance for billing pharmacy claims. Coverage is provided according to the clinical criteria listed in the EUA and is effective on the date that listed on the fee schedule.

Currently, vaccine doses are provided at no cost to providers by the federal government and therefore the vaccine codes shall be reimbursed at $0.

Coverage for Uninsured Individuals

Per the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Louisiana Medicaid has expanded coverage to include COVID-19 testing for uninsured individuals for the duration of the federally declared public health emergency. **Coverage is limited to COVID-19 testing and related office visits for uninsured Louisiana residents. No treatment or vaccination costs are covered under this program.** Detailed guidance can be found [here](#).

For treatment and vaccination services for uninsured individuals, providers should refer to the **[Health Resources and Services Administration claims reimbursement program](#)**.

For additional COVID-19 guidance for providers, including more information on testing and treatment, go [here](#).