



To: Medi-Cal IPAs & PCPs
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
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Subject: **Change to COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Maximum Allowable Rate**

As a reminder, DHCS has carved-out the administration payments for COVID-19 vaccines from plans like IEHP and Providers should bill Medi-Cal FFS for administering the COVID-19 vaccine to their IEHP Medi-Cal patients.

Effective for dates of service on or after **March 15, 2021**, Medi-Cal will set the maximum allowable reimbursement of the associated COVID-19 vaccine administration fee at **\$40.00 per dose**, regardless of vaccine manufacturer. The Medi-Cal system is currently being updated to process this change. Once the system is updated, an Erroneous Payment Correction (EPC) will be initiated to reprocess affected claims submitted prior to the system implementation of the increased maximum allowable rate, retroactive to the effective date.

For vaccines administered on dates of service prior to and including March 14, 2021, Medi-Cal will reimburse the associated COVID-19 vaccine administration fee at the previously published maximum allowable reimbursement rate for Providers based on the number of required doses:

- One dose: \$28.39 upon administration
- Two doses:
 - \$16.94 upon administration of the first dose
 - \$28.39 upon administration of the second dose

For billing guidance regarding the COVID-19 vaccines currently approved, please refer to the guidance below:

- **Pfizer-BioNTech**
https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/Pfizer_BioNTech_COVID19_Vaccine.aspx
- **Moderna**
https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/Moderna_COVID19_Vaccine.aspx
- **Janssen**
https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/Janssen_COVID19_Vaccine.aspx

As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found on our Provider portal at: www.iehp.org > For Providers > Plan Updates > Correspondences **or** www.iehp.org > For Providers > Plan Updates > Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IEHP Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054.