

NETWORK Notification

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То:	CareSource Providers
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Summary

In light of the COVID-19 vaccination becoming available across the country, CareSource would like to direct providers to several key resources being made available by federal agencies such as: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) and Health and Human Services (HHS).

The resources have been compiled by CMS to help providers share important and relevant information with patients regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and to ensure providers have the necessary tools to respond to the public health emergency.

How Providers Can Help Patients

- Providers are a trusted source. Encourage your patients to get the vaccine <u>when it is available</u> <u>to them.</u>
- Let patients know the vaccine is no cost and will help keep them from getting COVID-19. Learn more about the benefits of the vaccine.
- Let patients know the <u>vaccine is safe</u> and that safety is a top priority for COVID-19 vaccines.
- Remind patients to continue practicing the <u>3Ws</u> (wear a mask, watch your distance, wash your hands).

Resources

CMS COVID-19 Partner Resources Page HHS COVID Education Campaign Page CDC Resources for Health Care Providers COVID-19 Provider Toolkit COVID-19 FAQs

Medicare-Related Guidance

- How health care providers can enroll in Medicare to bill for administering COVID-19 vaccines
- The COVID-19 vaccine <u>Medicare coding structure</u>
- The Medicare payment strategy for COVID-19 vaccine administration
- How health care providers can <u>bill correctly for administering vaccines</u>, including roster and centralized billing
- Monoclonal antibody infusion for treating COVID-19
- <u>New COVID-19 treatments add-on payment</u>

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Federal Guidance

- <u>Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine</u>, so there will be no cost to patients with Medicare. Medicare will reimburse for administering the vaccine.
- State governments are handling the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Look for updates from state and local officials as more doses of the vaccine become available for additional priority groups.
- People without health insurance or whose insurance does not provide coverage of the vaccine can also get the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost. Providers administering the vaccine to people without health insurance or whose insurance does not provide coverage of the vaccine can request reimbursement for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine through the <u>Provider</u> <u>Relief Fund.</u>
- Most professional associations have pages devoted to COVID-19 vaccination. Your association may have advice tailored to your discipline, specialty and/or location.

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