

NETWORK Notification

Notice Date:	June 25, 2021
То:	Ohio Medicaid Providers
From:	CareSource
Subject:	COVID-19: Vaccine Administration Rate Increase
Effective Date:	June 10, 2021

Please note: CareSource is monitoring all guidance related to COVID-19. This communication is an update on the <u>previous version</u> dated June 10, 2021. CareSource will communicate updates aligned with state guidance as it is released. Please check back regularly for updated information.

Summary

Beginning Thurs. June 10, 2021 to Sun. Aug. 15, 2021, CareSource has increased the **administration fee** for the first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccinations, and the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen **COVID-19 vaccination to \$100.** Please find the applicable CPT codes below:

- 0001A: Pfizer-BioNTech
- 0011A: Moderna
- 0031A: Johnson & Johnson's Janssen

CareSource will pay the incentive for participating and non-participating providers for services provided between Thurs. June 10, 2021 through Sun. Aug. 15, 2021. The increase of the administration fee includes all professional claims. Federally qualified health clinics (FQHCs) and rural health clinics (RHCs) are also included in the administration fee increase and will be sent a separate communication regarding the billing process. However, it does not apply to the following providers and/or claims:

- Hospitals
- Emergency Rooms
- Hospital Clinics
- Pharmacies
- ASCs
- Dialysis Centers
- EAPG and DRG claims
- SNF claims
- LTAC claims

Payments will be notated by the following CARC and RARC codes:

- CARC code: 144 incentive adjustment (e.g. preferred product/service)
- **RARC code:** MA125 per legislation governing this program, payment constitutes payment in full

Please note that while it is not required, we encourage you to bill the vaccine and the administration code together for reporting purposes. You will need to bill one vaccine code and one administration code per dose of the vaccine administered. At this time there will be no reimbursement for the vaccine, only the administration fee.

Providers will have until Nov. 30, 2021 to submit claims for administration of the initial vaccination to receive the bonus payment (regardless of FQHC status).

Questions?

For questions, please reach out to Provider Services at **1-800-488-0134**, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

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