

To: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania (PA) and AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania (PA) Community HealthChoices (CHC) Providers

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Re: Administration and Payment of SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines for Homebound Members/Participants

AmeriHealth Caritas PA/AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC will follow the guidelines recently released by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin (MAB) regarding the administration and payment of the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine for homebound Members/Participants.

As outlined in the MAB, “the provision of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines to MA beneficiaries who are homebound presents unique challenges to provide the appropriate vaccine storage temperatures, handling, and administration to ensure safe and effective vaccination. MA beneficiaries who are homebound include but are not limited to those individuals that need help from another person or from medical equipment such as crutches, a walker, or a wheelchair to leave their home, those individuals whose medical provider believes that their health or illness could get worse if they leave their home, and it is difficult for them to leave their home and they typically cannot do so.”

To ensure that our homebound Members/Participants have access to the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, AmeriHealth Caritas PA/AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC will reimburse providers following the DHS billing and payment guidelines as follows:

For dates of service April 1, 2021 through June 7, 2021:

- Submit the applicable SARS-CoV-2 administration code along with an AT modifier and Place of Service (POS) 12.
- Payment is \$75.00.

For dates of service June 8, 2021 and beyond:

- Submit the newly created CPT code M0201 with the applicable SAR-CoV-2 administration code. Payment is \$35.00
- This payment will be made in addition to the current \$40.00 SARS-CoV-2 administration fee when the vaccine is administered to an individual in their home.

The complete MAB, outlining all appropriate procedure codes, national code description, provider type, provider specialty, place of service, pricing and/or informational modifiers if applicable, etc. can be found on the Provider Center under the Coronavirus Vaccine section of the website at www.amerihealthcaritaspa.com → Providers → Important information regarding COVID-19 vaccines or www.amerihealthcaritaschc.com → Providers → Important information regarding COVID-19 vaccines.

If you have any questions about this notification, please contact your Provider Account Executive or Provider Services at 1-800-521-6007.