An important message regarding Humana's COVID-19 response:
FAQ for COVID-19 vaccines post-public health emergency
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On Sept. 11, 2023, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved and authorized updated formulas of the COVID-19 vaccines that target the currently circulating variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The federal government is not distributing these vaccine products. Rather, they are available for private purchase in the commercial marketplace. In support of the commercialization of COVID-19 vaccines, Humana is updating its policies related to COVID-19 vaccines. As more developments are made on the COVID-19 vaccines, please check this page regularly for new information.

The federal public health emergency (PHE) for COVID-19 expired on May 11, 2023. This document summarizes Humana's standard coverage and reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccines post-PHE. For information on coverage and reimbursement during the PHE, see the archived version of this FAQ.

Note: This FAQ is a guideline only and does not constitute medical advice, guarantee of payment, plan preauthorization, an explanation of benefits or a contract. This FAQ does not govern whether a procedure is covered under a specific member plan or policy, nor is it intended to address every claim situation. Claims may be affected by other factors, such as state and federal laws and regulations, provider contract terms and our professional judgment.

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1. **What vaccines are available for COVID-19? Who is eligible to receive the vaccine? How many doses will a patient need to be fully vaccinated?**

For the latest information and guidance about COVID-19 vaccines regarding availability, eligibility, booster shots and more, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website.

2. **Will the vaccines require preauthorization?**

No.

3. **Will the vaccines require referral?**

Yes, the COVID-19 vaccines are subject to any applicable referral requirements and are based on a member's benefit plan.

4. **Will Humana members receive the vaccine with no out-of-pocket costs?**

Out-of-of pocket costs for the COVID-19 vaccine vary depending on the member's specific plan.

Humana Medicare Advantage (MA) members:
MA members are not responsible for paying copays, deductibles or coinsurance for COVID-19 vaccines. This applies whether the Humana-covered patient receives the vaccine at either an in-network or out-of-network provider.

Humana commercial group members (those who receive insurance through their employer):
COVID-19 vaccines are available at no additional cost when received by an in-network provider. For COVID-19 vaccines received at an out-of-network provider, please verify member plan benefits as any applicable member cost share would apply.

Humana Medicaid members:
Medicaid plans will continue to follow state requirements for COVID-19 vaccines.

5. **How is Humana handling claims for the vaccines?**

Beginning in September 2023, the federal government is no longer coordinating with the states to supply the vaccine products to providers. For COVID-19 vaccines that are not state-supplied, both the vaccine product and administration codes are reimbursable.

Please refer to Humana's COVID-19 Vaccine Claims Payment Policy for further information. (Note: When link is selected, it will automatically download the claims payment policy. Due to the file size, this may take a moment to open on your computer.)

6. **What codes are reported for the COVID-19 vaccines?**

Providers should report charges for the vaccine product and its administration according to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) coding standards established by the American Medical Association (AMA). The AMA has created the codes listed in the charts published in Humana's COVID-19 Vaccine Claims

Payment Policy for reporting the COVID-19 vaccine. (Note: When link is selected, it will automatically download the claims payment policy. Due to the file size, this may take a moment to open on your computer). See the AMA's website for more information on COVID-19 vaccine coding.

When a revenue code also is required on your claim form, report the vaccine product code with revenue code 0636 and the administration code with revenue code 0771.

7. Does Humana reimburse an additional amount for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in a patient's home?

Humana will allow additional reimbursement for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in a patient's home when all conditions established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for this add-on payment are satisfied. The code used to report at-home administration of the COVID-19 vaccine is Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code M0201. When applicable, providers may report HCPCS code M0201 in addition to the appropriate codes for the manufacturer-specific vaccine and dose administered. Please refer to Humana's COVID-19 Vaccine Claims Payment Policy for further information. (Note: When link is selected, it will automatically download the claims payment policy. Due to the file size, this may take a moment to open on your computer).

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8. How do I bill for state-supplied vaccine products?

Humana will not reimburse for a state-supplied vaccine product; however, the administration of a state-supplied vaccine is reimbursable. Providers should only bill the administration code when submitting a claim for a state-supplied COVID-19 vaccine. However, Humana recognizes that some billing systems require a vaccine product code to be reported with the administration code. In such circumstances, Humana recommends reporting the product code with a charge amount of $0.01. Humana does not require but will allow modifier SL to identify state-supplied COVID-19 vaccine product codes.

9. How should I bill for COVID-19 vaccines provided to hospital inpatients?

Humana reimburses for the COVID-19 vaccine separately from the inpatient admission's diagnosis-related group rate. Providers should bill for administering the vaccine to a hospital inpatient using the applicable CPT code on a separate type of bill 12x claim.

10. Does Humana accept a roster bill to report administering the COVID-19 vaccine to multiple patients at a time?

No, Humana does not accept roster bills to report administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.

11. How can I become a COVID-19 vaccinator?

Learn how you can become a COVID-19 vaccinator in the United States by visiting the CDC's vaccines and immunization website.

12. What guidance can I provide if a patient is concerned with becoming a victim of a COVID-19 vaccine fraud scheme?

A warning from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in December 2020 provides information on potential indicators of COVID-19 vaccine-related fraud and tips on how to avoid it. View the FBI's warning here. It is important to remind patients to confirm the vaccinator is a safe and reputable source to avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

If you are concerned your patient is a victim of a scam or attempted fraud involving COVID-19, you can guide them to:

- Call the member services number on the back of their Humana member ID card for help.
- File a complaint with the National Center for Disaster Fraud or call their hotline at 866-720-5721.
- Report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.
- Contact your local FBI field office or submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov.

For the latest information about COVID-19 vaccines, visit the CDC website. For additional resources, please visit the CMS COVID-19 vaccine policies and guidance website.