

Florida Medicaid Third Quarter 2020 Newsletter



COVID-19 updates

Humana is committed to supporting your patient care and is closely monitoring coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Please visit [Humana.com/FloridaCovid](https://www.humana.com/FloridaCovid) for the latest updates and notices. Our coronavirus (COVID-19) page contains information on various topics including:

- Virtual care (Telemedicine)
- Administrative updates
 - Prior authorization reinstatement and flexibilities
 - Provisional provider enrollment
 - Coverage of services
 - Electronic visitation verification (EVV) guidance
 - Frequently asked questions
 - Diagnosis and procedure codes
 - Patient resources

What you need to know about telemedicine

To support our members and help them avoid COVID-19 exposure, Humana is encouraging members to use virtual care services for doctor visits.

Humana Florida Medicaid reimburses physicians for virtual care visits the same way it reimburses for in-person visits. For more information, visit [Humana.com/FloridaMedicaid](https://www.humana.com/FloridaMedicaid) or review our [What Physicians Need to Know about Telemedicine flyer](#).

If members have questions about virtual care visits, they can call the toll-free number on the back of their member ID cards.

If you currently offer or are thinking about offering virtual care services to your Humana Florida Medicaid patients, contact your Humana provider representative. He or she can provide more information and answer your questions.

Florida Medicaid provider enrollment requirements and resources

To review the enrollment requirements and how to maintain Florida Medicaid provider, physician and other healthcare professional enrollment, refer to Florida Medicaid [Provider Enrollment Policy 59G-1.060](#).

(1) This rule applies to all individuals, groups and entities wishing to enroll, renew or continue enrollment as an authorized provider for the Florida Medicaid program.

(2) All providers must be in compliance with the Florida Medicaid [Provider Enrollment Policy provisions](#). Visit [this link](#) to see the rule history, along with recent notices and rule reference material.

Entities that bill Humana for Medicaid-compensable services provided to recipients by all Medicaid provider types must be active and enrolled as a Medicaid provider, or have limited enrollment status. To meet Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) requirements, Humana can pay only those claims and/or encounters submitted by physicians and healthcare providers with valid Medicaid enrollment. Physicians and other healthcare professionals can verify their enrollment via the Provider Master List (PML) on the [AHCA website](#).

For further information, please visit the [AHCA provider enrollment page](#).

MMA Physician Incentive Program (MPIP)

The aim of the Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Physician Incentive Program (MPIP) is to promote quality of care for our Medicaid members and to recognize physicians who demonstrate high levels of performance for select criteria.

The MPIP provides the opportunity for designated physician types to earn enhanced payments based on the achievement of key access and quality measures. Qualifying physicians can earn the equivalent to the appropriate Medicare fee-for-service rate, as established by AHCA.

Current program year (MPIP Year 5) Effective Date: Oct. 1, 2020-Sept. 30, 2021

For MPIP Year 5, any newly identified eligible and qualified provider will receive a Humana qualification letter at the beginning of the program year or during the re-assessment period.

In April, Humana will reassess all eligible providers to determine if any additional providers qualify for the Incentive Program.

***Important note:** All providers that qualified in MPIP Year 4 will remain qualified for MPIP Year 5 and be reimbursed at the MPIP rate through Sept. 30, 2021 (excluding opt outs).

For specific Humana qualification criteria, please visit the [Humana FL MMA Provider website](#) and select the MMA Provider Education Materials link.

For more information about the MPIP parameters, visit [AHCA's MPIP page](#).

Should you have questions about the MPIP, please contact your provider services representative or call provider services at 305-626-5006.

Vaccination Initiatives, Billing and Service Guidelines

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many children and adolescents are missing important well care visits and immunizations. To combat this decline in Well-Child immunization rates, we are asking you to help make sure children, particularly those younger than 24 months, are vaccinated on time. For information on how you can support the initiative to increase vaccination rates and raise awareness, please see our [Immunization: Power to Protect flyer](#).



Humana is committed to providing MediKids vaccines to children and ensuring we have the mechanisms in place for the most efficient billing and payment. For guidance on MediKids Vaccines billing, claims and reimbursement, please see our [MediKids Vaccines Billing and Service Guidelines](#).

Pharmacy information

Office-administered Medication Fees Schedule Updates

Humana covers and medically billed drugs according to AHCA [fee schedules](#). AHCA typically posts updated fee schedules each January and all additions, removals and rate changes are reflected.

Pharmacy Preferred Drug List Updates for Jan 1, 2021:

Drug Name	Formulary Status	Alternatives
Ranexa	Non-PDL	ranolazine
Lamictal ODT	Non-PDL	lamotrigine ODT
Ajovy Autoinjector	PDL	N/A
Ibandronate	PDL	N/A
Rebif	Non-PDL	Tecfidera, Gilenya, Aubagio
Lotemax	Non-PDL	Xiidra
Makena	Non-PDL	N/A



NOTE: Some alternatives may have utilization management criteria and require prior authorization. A complete list of [formulary changes](#) is available.

Shingrix Vaccine Limitations

- Shingrix is an FDA-approved vaccine for the prevention of herpes zoster
- Approved for adults 50 or older
- Shingrix is a two-dose series separated by six months

NOTE: New limitations: Members are only allowed two paid pharmacy claims per lifetime

Cost Key: Commonly Prescribed Drug List

The commonly prescribed drug list is a guide to drugs in select therapeutic categories that will not be covered along with available formulary alternatives. In addition, this list provides information around the most affordable options and is updated quarterly to align with AHCA's Preferred Drug List changes.

Prescribers can reference the document [online](#).



COVID-19 Therapeutic Antibodies

Background

As we await widespread availability of effective COVID-19 vaccines, there remains a need for prophylactic and treatment approaches for COVID-19. In response to this need, several manufacturers are investigating therapeutic neutralizing antibodies against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

COVID-19 neutralizing antibodies generally work by targeting the spike protein of SARS-CoV-2 and blocking viral entry into human cells. The different investigational COVID-19 antibodies are directed towards different parts of the spike protein, and combining these antibodies will theoretically lead to lower viral resistance.

Market Event Updates

On Oct.7, 2020, there were multiple announcements from two different manufacturers regarding Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) for anti-COVID-19 therapeutic antibodies

- **Announcements from Eli Lilly and Co.:**
 - ◆ Lilly submitted an initial request for an EUA for LY-CoV555 (bamlanivimab) monotherapy in higher-risk patients who have been recently diagnosed with mild-to-moderate COVID-19.
 - ◆ Lilly announced plans to request a separate EUA for combination therapy with LY-CoV555 (bamlanivimab) + LY-CoV016 (etesevimab) in November 2020, pending clinical trial enrollment, once additional safety data accumulate and sufficient supply is manufactured. Possible BLA submission for the combination could occur as early as the second quarter of 2021.
- **Announcement from Regeneron:**
 - ◆ Regeneron submitted a request for an EUA for its COVID-19 antibody combination, REGN-COV2.

An EUA permits the FDA to allow unapproved medical products or unapproved uses of approved medical products to be used in an emergency to diagnose, treat, or prevent serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions when there are no adequate, approved and available alternatives. Products authorized for use in this way do not guarantee an official FDA approval. This authorization is reserved for emergency situations and is NOT the same as FDA approval or licensure.

Products authorized under EUA should be supplied directly by the manufacturers. Health plans or pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) are not responsible for reimbursement or coverage.

Durations of EUAs vary depending on the length of the pandemic/emergency.

Humana has made a commonly prescribed drug list available as a prescriber guide. The drug list can be found on our [website](#) and includes common drug categories along with a cost key to assist prescribers. We encourage you to visit the [2020 AHCA Nonformulary Alternatives list](#) to learn more about the commonly prescribed drugs Humana will cover.

Flu Season Information and Billing Codes

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that anyone 6 months or older receive an annual flu vaccine. It is important to encourage your patients to get vaccinated every year as it can help protect them and those around them. Plus, Humana Medicaid members receive their yearly flu vaccine at no cost to them. For more information about flu vaccines, including guidance on billing and payment, please see our [Flu Vaccinations: A Simple Way to Save Lives flyer](#).

Florida Medicaid Provider Web Page

Our [Humana Medicaid provider website](#) has a variety of provider materials and resources to help you achieve your best success. Materials and resources include:

- Provider manual
- MMA Physician Incentive (MPIP) information
- Telemedicine information
- Provider Resource Guide
- Frequent Medicaid provider updates
- Expanded benefits
- Medicaid training

We encourage you to visit our website frequently for regular updates to available information at [Humana.com/FloridaMedicaid](https://www.humana.com/FloridaMedicaid)

Humana Provider Compliance Training

Healthcare providers serving Humana Medicaid plans in Florida must complete the following training modules:

- Humana Medicaid Provider Orientation
- Health, Safety and Welfare Training
- Cultural Competency
- Compliance and Fraud, Waste and Abuse training
 - Go to [Availity.com](https://www.availity.com) to start your training

For more information, visit [Humana.com/ProviderCompliance](https://www.humana.com/ProviderCompliance) or see the Florida Medicaid MMA [provider training section](#) of our website.