



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 31, 2024

TO: All Louisiana Medicaid Prescribing Providers and Pharmacists

FROM: Kimberly Sullivan, Medicaid Executive Director *KLS*

SUBJECT: Louisiana Medicaid Pharmacy COVID-19 Vaccines
Administration Rate Update

Effective November 1, 2024, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee for Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will update the administration rate for COVID-19 vaccines. The COVID-19 vaccine maximum administration rate will increase from \$29.58 to \$30.78. This applies to **pharmacy claims** submitted to FFS Medicaid and Louisiana Medicaid MCOs (Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Humana Healthy Horizons, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, and UnitedHealthcare).

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse enrolled pharmacies for the **administration fee and ingredient cost** (at WAC for local pharmacies) for COVID-19 vaccines administered to recipients nineteen years of age and older.
- Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse enrolled pharmacies for the **administration fee only** for COVID-19 vaccines administered to recipients **under** nineteen years of age because the vaccines are available through the Louisiana Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.
- Louisiana Medicaid shall reimburse for vaccine counseling as a pharmacy benefit in the amount up to \$19.72 or billed amount, whichever is lower when the criteria is met in recipients less than 21 years old.
- The COVID-19 vaccine maximum administration rate will increase from \$29.58 to \$30.78. **COVID-19 vaccine administration reimbursement is a stand-alone administration fee of \$30.78.** There will be no reimbursement for the dispensing fee and no "at home" administration fee for COVID vaccines will be reimbursed.

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Additional Information:

If you have questions about the content of this memo, you may contact the FFS pharmacy help desk by phone at (800) 437-9101.

FFS pharmacy claims should be submitted to Gainwell Technologies. MCO pharmacy claims should be submitted to Prime Therapeutics Government Solutions, LLC.

If you have questions about pharmacy claims billing, you may contact the appropriate plan at their pharmacy help desk listed in the chart below.

Healthcare Provider	Pharmacy Help Desk	Pharmacy Help Desk Phone Number
Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Healthy Blue, Humana Healthy Horizons, Louisiana Healthcare Connections, UnitedHealthcare	Prime Therapeutics Government Solutions, LLC	(800) 424-1664
Fee for Service	Gainwell Technologies	(800) 648-0790

Please forward this notice to other providers to assist with notification. Your continued cooperation and support of the Louisiana Medicaid Program efforts to coordinate care and improve health are greatly appreciated.

KS/MBW/GJS

c: Healthy Louisiana Plans
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