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## **COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage**

GlobalHealth is committed to ensuring that its providers have the necessary tools to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. To facilitate the safe and effective administration of COVID-19 vaccines, GlobalHealth also wants to ensure its members have access to the vaccine with no member cost share.

## **Medicare Advantage**

The Social Security Act provides that if the projected cost of a legislative change in benefits exceeds a significant cost threshold, coverage of the new benefit for beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan will be provided through the Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) program until the MA capitation rates take the new significant cost into account. CMS has determined that the legislative change established by the CARES Act, which established Part B coverage for the COVID-19 vaccine, meets the significant cost threshold.

As such, contracted providers should submit claims for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to the CMS Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) for payment. GlobalHealth is not responsible for reimbursing providers for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine at this time. GlobalHealth's MA members will pay nothing for COVID-19 vaccines.

## **Commercial**

While the Department of Health & Human Services Public Health Emergency as a Result of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus is in effect, claims for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines for GlobalHealth's commercial members may be sent to GlobalHealth for reimbursement. GlobalHealth's commercial members will pay nothing for COVID-19 vaccines.

## **Additional Resources**

The CDC released a set of toolkits to help prepare healthcare providers to swiftly administer the COVID-19 vaccine to their patients. For vaccines that require multiple doses, GlobalHealth encourages providers to communicate to your patients the need to return for the administration of a second dose. Please refer to the following links to learn more.

<https://www.cms.gov/covidvax-provider>

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-part-b-drug-average-sales-price/covid-19-vaccines-and-mono-clonal-antibodies>