

# **Provider Fax Blast**

#### **Important Update on COVID-19 Vaccines**

As part of our ongoing fight against the global pandemic, FirstCare Health Plans (FirstCare) will be **covering the costs of the newly approved vaccines** with zero cost-share for our members. This applies to fully insured and self-funded commercial members as well as our Medicare and Medicaid members.

Please review the guidelines below for information on billing and coding.

#### **Commercial Employer Groups and Individual Plans**

FirstCare and its self-funded customers will cover the administration of COVID-19 vaccines with no cost share (copayment, coinsurance or deductible) for in- and out-of-network providers. Additionally:

- Administration fees for in-network providers will be based on contracted rates.
- Administration fees for out-of-network providers will be based on CMS published rates.

### **Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible SNP Plans**

Charges for COVID-19 vaccine administration for Medicare beneficiaries should be billed to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). The MAC will reimburse claims for Medicare beneficiaries with no cost share (copayment, coinsurance or deductible) for the remainder of 2020 and through 2021. For more information, see the CMS COVID-19 Insurers Toolkit available at CMS.gov.

Any COVID-19 vaccine-related claims for Medicare beneficiaries that are submitted to FirstCare will be denied, and healthcare professionals will be directed to submit the claims to the MAC.

## **Medicaid and CHIP Members**

FirstCare will reimburse for the vaccine administration at no cost share (copayment, coinsurance or deductible) for the member. Charges for the office visit and other services rendered during the visit will be adjudicated according to the member's benefit plan.



## **Codes and Descriptors**

Please use this chart for correct coding of vaccine administration.

Code	CPT Short Descriptor	Labeler Name	Vaccine/Procedure Name
0001A	ADM SARSCOV2 30 MCG/0.3ML 1st	Pfizer	Pfizer-Biontech COVID-19 Vaccine Administration – First Dose
0002A	ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 2nd	Pfizer	Pfizer-Biontech COVID-19 Vaccine Administration – Second Dose
0011A	ADM SARSCOV2 100 MCG/0.5ML 1st	Moderna	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Administration – First Dose
0012A	ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML 2nd	Moderna	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Administration – Second Dose

We will continue to provide updates on COVID-19 and related policies. If you have questions, please contact us at PRSupport@BSWHealth.org.

Thank you,

FirstCare Health Plans