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**TO:** All Providers Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Amanda Cassel Kraft, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

**RE: MassHealth Coverage for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccine  
Booster Doses**

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses**

As described in [All Provider Bulletin 328](#), on September 22, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to allow a booster shot to be administered to certain high-risk individuals at least six months after completing the primary series. On October 20, 2021, the FDA amended the EUA for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to allow a booster shot for the same listing of high-risk individuals at least six months after completing the primary series, and the EUA for the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine to allow a single booster dose to individuals 18 years of age or older at least two months after the primary vaccination. The FDA also amended the EUAs for the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Janssen COVID-19 vaccines to allow an authorized booster dose as a heterologous booster dose following completion of primary vaccination with another authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.

On November 18, 2021, the Baker administration announced that all Massachusetts residents aged 18 and over are eligible to get a COVID-19 booster six months after receiving the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, or two months after receiving a Johnson & Johnson single dose COVID-19 vaccine. On November 19, 2021, the FDA amended the EUAs for the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines to allow booster shots for all individuals 18 years of age or older at least six months after completing the primary series.<sup>1</sup>

On December 9, 2021, the FDA amended the EUA for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, authorizing the use of a single booster dose for administration to individuals 16 and 17 years of age at least six months after completion of primary vaccination with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

As stated in [All Provider Bulletin 328](#), MassHealth will cover booster doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Janssen COVID-19 vaccines consistent with the EUAs, as they may be amended from time to time.

For information about how to bill MassHealth for booster doses, please see [All Provider Bulletin 330](#).

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<sup>1</sup> MassHealth will cover booster doses on November 18, 2021, consistent with the announcement of the Baker administration, notwithstanding that the EUAs were not amended until the next day.

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