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# All Provider Bulletin 333

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**TO**: All Providers Participating in MassHealth

**FROM**: Amanda Cassel Kraft, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth [signature of Amanda Cassel Kraft]

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

## COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Doses

As described in [All Provider Bulletin 328](https://www.mass.gov/doc/all-provider-bulletin-328-coverage-for-booster-doses-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-vaccines-0/download), 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.[[1]](#footnote-1)

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](https://www.mass.gov/doc/all-provider-bulletin-328-coverage-for-booster-doses-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-vaccines-0/download), 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](https://www.mass.gov/doc/all-provider-bulletin-330-masshealth-coverage-for-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-vaccines-including-pediatric-vaccines-and-monoclonal-antibodies-0/download).

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1. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)