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TO: All Providers Participating in MassHealth

FROM: Mike Levine, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth

RE: Coverage and Reimbursement Policy for Mpox and COVID-19 Vaccinations

Background

This bulletin provides information about MassHealth coverage and payment for mpox and COVID-19 vaccines, and also updates [All Provider Bulletin 353](#). It applies to patients of the Health Safety Net, as well as members enrolled in

- MassHealth fee-for-service;
- the Primary Care Clinician (PCC) Plan;
- Primary Care ACOs (PCACOs); and
- the Children's Medical Security Plan (CMSP).

Billing for Smallpox and Mpox Combined Vaccination

As of August 2024, the smallpox and mpox combined vaccine (JYNNEOS) is no longer available free of charge. It is now only commercially available and was added to the MassHealth Drug List on August 12, 2024.

For claims billed through the Pharmacy Online Processing System (POPS), MassHealth will pay per the drug pricing methodology in [101 CMR 331.00: Prescribed Drugs](#). Pharmacies may also bill for administration of JYNNEOS through POPS. Instead of paying pharmacies a dispensing fee, MassHealth will pay an administration fee at the applicable mid-level practitioner rate in [101 CMR 317.00: Rates for Medicine Services](#). See also [Pharmacy Facts 163](#).

For medical claims, the rate and code for JYNNEOS will be added effective January 1, 2025. Until then, providers must submit claims to MassHealth using the unlisted code 90749 which will be paid per the rates described in 101 CMR 317.00. For vaccines administered by mid-level practitioners, MassHealth will pay an administration fee at the applicable mid-level practitioner rate in 101 CMR 317.00.

Billing for COVID-19 Vaccination

Effective October 1, 2024, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services is updating the rates for COVID-19 vaccination in 101 CMR 446.00: *Public Health Emergency Payment Rates for Certain Community Health Care Providers*.

For claims billed through POPS, MassHealth will pay per the drug pricing methodology in 101 CMR 331.00. Pharmacies may also continue to bill for administration of COVID-19 vaccines through POPS. Instead of a dispensing fee, MassHealth will pay pharmacies an administration fee. Effective October 1, 2024, the administration fee will be equal to 100% of the corresponding Medicare Part B payment rate for administration, without geographic adjustment.

For medical claims, effective October 1, 2024, the allowable fees for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration will be at the corresponding Medicare Part B payment rates, without geographic adjustment. Payment will be 85% of the allowable fee for COVID-19 vaccines administered by

- eligible providers who are certified nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, psychiatric clinical nurse specialists, clinical nurse specialists, physician assistants, registered nurses, pharmacies that utilize pharmacists, or other health care professionals certified in accordance with 105 CMR 700.000: *Implementation of M.G.L. c. 94C*; and
- home health agencies, as specified in 101 CMR 317.02.

If this fee structure conflicts with the rates for the same codes in 101 CMR 317.00, the fee structure in 101 CMR 317.00 will apply.

COVID-19 Vaccination and Treatment for MassHealth Limited Members or HSN Patients

Effective October 1, 2024, MassHealth Limited will no longer pay for COVID-19 vaccination. Health Safety Net (HSN) providers administering COVID-19 vaccines to HSN patients (including for MassHealth Limited members as of October 1, 2024) should submit claims for such services to the HSN.

Treatments for COVID-19, including prescription drugs such as Paxlovid® (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir) and Lagevrio® (molnupiravir), are considered emergency services as defined in 130 CMR 450.105(F) for purposes of MassHealth Limited, and will continue to be payable by MassHealth to any participating provider qualified to provide such services.

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