




**MassHealth**  
**Managed Care Entity Bulletin 52**  
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**TO:** Managed Care Entities and PACE Organizations Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Daniel Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth 

**RE:** **Update to Payment for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Vaccine Administration, Update to Authorized Vaccine Providers, and New Mass Immunizer Providers**

**Applicable Managed Care Entities and PACE Organizations**

- Accountable Care Partnership Plans (ACPPs)**
- Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)**
- MassHealth's behavioral health vendor**
- One Care Plans**
- Senior Care Organizations (SCOs)**
- Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Organizations**

**Updated Payment for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration to Authorized Providers**

Managed care plans, as defined in [Managed Care Entity \(MCE\) Bulletin 50](#)<sup>1</sup>, and PACE organizations must conform their coverage policies, including rates of payments effective January 1, 2021, to match those in [All Provider Bulletin 307](#) when providing COVID-19 vaccines as Medicaid services. All other information in MCE Bulletin 50 remains in full effect. For applicable claims processed prior to the publishing of this bulletin, MCEs are required to administratively reprocess such claims without resubmission by providers at the new higher rate. MassHealth expects managed care plans and PACE organizations to make best efforts to maximize vaccinations of their members in accordance with DPH guidelines.

**Updated Payment for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration to Pharmacies**

Managed care plans and PACE organizations must conform their rates of payment effective January 1, 2021, to match those in All Provider Bulletin 307 when paying pharmacy providers for the provision of COVID-19 vaccines as Medicaid services. For applicable pharmacy claims processed

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<sup>1</sup> As described further in MCE Bulletin 50, One Care Plans, SCOs, and PACE organizations should first follow guidance provided by Medicare on these topics for enrollees with Medicare, including billing and coding instructions. SCOs, and PACE organizations must follow the requirements in this bulletin for Medicaid-only enrollees.

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prior to the publishing of this bulletin, MCEs are encouraged to administratively reprocess such claims without resubmission by pharmacy providers at the new higher rate where possible.

### **Updated Authorized Providers**

Managed care plans and PACE organizations are required to cover COVID-19 vaccine administration to their enrollees for the expanded list of authorized providers as defined in All Provider Bulletin 307.

### **Mass Immunizer Provider Type and Rates**

Managed care plans and PACE organizations are required to cover COVID-19 vaccines provided to their enrollees by all DPH-designated Mass Immunizers as defined in Mass Immunizer Bulletin 1, regardless of the Mass Immunizer Provider's network status. Managed care plans and PACE organizations must conform their rates of payments for these services effective January 1, 2021, to match those in Mass Immunizer Bulletin 1 when providing COVID-19 vaccines as Medicaid services through Mass Immunizer Providers.

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