



**MassHealth**  
**Managed Care Entity Bulletin 57**  
**April 2021**

**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, Authorized Vaccine Providers, and 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**

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

Managed care plans, as defined in Managed Care Entity (MCE) Bulletin 50<sup>1</sup>, when providing COVID-19 vaccines as Medicaid services, must conform their coverage policies, including rates of payments effective for dates of service

- on or after February 27, 2021 through March 31, 2021, to match those in All Provider Bulletin 312 and
- on or after April 1, 2021, to match those in All Provider Bulletin 313.

PACE organizations must ensure their coverage policies include those in All Provider Bulletins 312 and 313 when providing COVID-19 vaccines to PACE participants. MassHealth expects managed care plans and PACE organizations to make best efforts to maximize vaccinations of their members in accordance with the Department of Public Health guidelines.

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

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

Managed care plans must conform their rates of payment effective for dates of service February 27, 2021 through March 31, 2021, to match those in All Provider Bulletin 312 and rates of payment effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021, to match those in All Provider Bulletin 313 when paying pharmacy providers for the provision of COVID-19 vaccines as Medicaid services.

### **Updated Payment for COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Product Infusion**

Managed care plans must conform their rates of payment for dates of service on or after February 9, 2021, to match those in All Provider Bulletin 312 when paying for monoclonal antibody product infusion by appropriate providers.

### **Updated Authorized Providers**

Managed care plans and PACE organizations are required to cover COVID-19 vaccine administration to their enrollees by the expanded list of authorized providers as defined in All Provider Bulletin 312.

### **Timely Filing Update**

Managed care plans and PACE organizations are required to pay for COVID-19 vaccine administration billed within 180 days of administration.

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