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**Managed Care Entity Bulletin 62**  
**May 2021**

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

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

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

**Applicable to 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**

**Background**

Managed care plans, as defined in Managed Care Entity (MCE) Bulletin 50<sup>1</sup>, must conform their coverage policies when providing COVID-19 vaccines as Medicaid services, including rates of payments, to match those in [All Provider Bulletin 317](#) (April 2021).

PACE organizations must ensure their coverage policies include those in All Provider Bulletin 317 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.

**Updated Authorized Providers**

Managed care plans, as defined in [MCE Bulletin 50](#) (December 2020), 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 317, including:

- acute treatment services and clinical stabilization services providers, for dates of service on or after the date of approval for the particular vaccine product; and
- dental providers, for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021.

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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 Acute Treatment Services and Clinical Stabilization Services Providers**

Managed care plans, as defined in MCE Bulletin 50, must conform their rates of payment effective for dates of service on or after the date of approval for the particular vaccine product, to match those in All Provider Bulletin 317 when paying acute treatment services and clinical stabilization services providers for the provision of COVID-19 vaccines as Medicaid services.

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

Managed care plans, as defined in MCE Bulletin 50, must conform their rates of payment effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2021, to match those in All Provider Bulletin 317 when paying dental providers for the provision of COVID-19 vaccines as Medicaid services.

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