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Subject: CAWEM coverage of COVID-19 home tests and flu vaccinations during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will cover the following services for CAWEM members during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:

- Flu vaccinations effective November 4, 2021; and
- COVID-19 home tests FDA authorized for over-the-counter sale effective November 8, 2021, as described in [the Oct. 29 memo from OHA](#).

As a reminder, OHA covers COVID-19 testing, vaccines and treatment for CAWEM members during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Please refer to the [Oregon Medicaid COVID-19 Provider Guide](#) for information about CAWEM coverage during COVID-19.

Why is this happening?

OHA strongly encourages everyone to get both flu and COVID-19 vaccinations if they can. Expanding flu vaccination coverage to CAWEM-eligible members will help more families in Oregon to access these important vaccines; and help Oregon manage health care resources by preventing avoidable hospitalizations during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

[Federal guidance issued August 30, 2021](#) requires that state Medicaid programs cover all COVID-19 testing products authorized by Emergency Use Authorization, including home tests.

What should you do?

To bill OHA for flu vaccines, bill for the vaccine administration and for serum acquired outside of the Vaccines for Children program.

Also counsel your CAWEM-eligible patients about these coverage changes, and request prior authorization of COVID-19 home tests as appropriate.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Provider Services Unit at dmap.providerservices@dhsosha.state.or.us or call 800-336-6016 (Option 5). We are available Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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