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To: Coordinated Care Organizations

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Subject: Increase in Reimbursement Rate for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

On March 15, 2021, effective that day, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a [Medicare rate increase](#) for the administration of each dose of a COVID-19 vaccination. The new rate for administration of each vaccine dose is \$40. Consistent with Oregon's approved State Plan Amendment, OHA is increasing its reimbursement to fee-for-service providers to align with this increase.

The increase is intended to support important actions taken by providers to increase the number of vaccines they can furnish each day, including establishing new or growing existing vaccination sites, conducting patient outreach and education, and hiring additional staff.

OHA Expectations of CCOs

The CCO COVID-19 vaccine administration contract amendment remains in full effect without need to revise. Current language specifies OHA reimbursement of CCO vaccine administration provider claims "...limited to 100% of Medicare reimbursement, using the payment allowance published by CMS".

Any vaccine administration claims submitted by a provider to the CCO for a date of service on or after March 15, 2021 and paid at the previous rate will need to be reprocessed by the CCO to pay at the \$40 per dose rate.

CCOs should notify OHA of issues or delays in reprocessing claims for enrolled providers that are anticipated to take more than thirty (30) calendar days.

FQHC Reimbursement

OHA announced on March 13, 2021, that reimbursement to FQHCs for COVID-19 vaccine administration will be paid at each clinic's current encounter rate. COVID-19 vaccines administered to CCO members are eligible for supplemental wraparound payments, provided that these services would have been reimbursed at the clinic's encounter rate had the patient been fee-for-service ("open card").

Questions?

If you have questions about this communication, please contact Mary Durrant at Mary.Durrant@dhsosha@state.or.us

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