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COVID-19 Vaccine and Emergency Use Drug Coverage Changes

Policy Summary:

Vermont Medicaid is making changes related to drugs authorized by the Federal Drug Administration for emergency use only and will continue to allow the administration of COVID-19 vaccines to children at pharmacies.

1. Effective January 1, 2025, coverage is ending for drugs for the treatment of COVID-19 that are not FDA-approved for use. This includes the drugs Lagevrio (molnupiravir) and Pemgarda (pemivibart) that are only authorized for emergency use. This change is being made now that the COVID-19 coverage period has ended and aligns with Medicare Part D coverage. Treatments for COVID-19 that are FDA approved continue to be covered.
2. Medicaid will continue to reimburse pharmacists for vaccines distributed outside of the Vermont Child Vaccines Program (VCIP). This is a change from the posting of the proposed notice. On December 11, 2024, the 12th amendment to the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) declaration was signed, extending the duration to December 31, 2029. The PREP Act allows pharmacists to administer COVID-19 vaccines to children. See [final GCR 23-101](#) COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage.

Pharmacies are encouraged to participate in VCIP, but not required to in order to administer COVID-19 vaccines to Medicaid enrolled children and youth under age 19. More information about the Vermont Immunization Program can be found on the [Vermont Department of Health's website](#).

Effective Date:

January 1, 2025

Authority/Legal Basis:

[Medicaid State Plan](#)

[Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness \(PREP\) Act](#)

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period ended on December 23, 2024. No comments were received.

Additional Information:

Reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccines through the Medicaid medical benefit can be found on the [Vermont Medicaid Fee Schedule](#) and [Vermont Medicaid General Billing and Forms Manual](#).

More information about vaccines for Medicaid enrolled pharmacies can be found in the [Pharmacy Provider Manual](#).

[PREP Act Question and Answers](#)