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COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage

Policy Summary:

Vermont Medicaid will reimburse Medicaid enrolled providers for COVID-19 vaccines effective September 11, 2023, to align with Medicare's effective date. COVID-19 vaccines were authorized for emergency use during the COVID-19 public health emergency and all the vaccines were provided federally. COVID-19 vaccines are now approved by the FDA and available commercially. Vermont Medicaid will receive 100% federal funding for COVID-19 vaccines, and their administration, until September 30, 2024.

COVID-19 vaccines are available for Medicaid members under the age of 19 through the Vaccines for Children Program (VFC). Medicaid providers must be enrolled with the VFC program and cannot bill Medicaid for the cost of the vaccine. Medicaid will reimburse providers for the vaccine administration. Medicaid providers may also choose to participate in the adult vaccine program. More information about the Vermont Immunization Program can be found on the Vermont Department of Health's website.

Reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccines through the Medicaid medical benefit can be found on the <u>Vermont Medicaid Fee Schedule</u> and <u>Vermont Medicaid General Billing and Forms Manual</u>. More information about vaccines for Medicaid enrolled pharmacies can be found in the <u>Pharmacy Provider Manual</u>.

Effective Date:

September 11, 2023

Authority/Legal Basis:

Medicaid State Plan

Population Affected:

All Medicaid

Fiscal Impact:

This change is expected to be budget neutral.

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