



Provider communication
General information and system updates

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AHCCCS Notice - COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Billing Guidelines Update

Applicable to: Mercy Care ACC, Mercy Care DD, Mercy Care Long Term Care, and Mercy Care RBHA

New guidance regarding the administration of COVID-19 vaccines has been received from AHCCCS in accordance with CMS.

CMS **announced** on Monday, March 15, 2021 that it is increasing Medicare rates for administration of COVID-19 vaccinations with dates of service on or after March 15, 2021. AHCCCS' December 1, 2020 state plan amendment **#20-031** specifies that "COVID-19 vaccine administration will be paid at 100% of the national Medicare equivalent rates in effect at the time that the service is provided, without any geographic adjustment". Consistent with that authority, the AHCCCS Fee-For-Service Program and AHCCCS Contractors shall reimburse providers the following Medicare-equivalent rates for the COVID-19 vaccine administration fees by dates of service:

COVID-19 Vaccines administered with dates of service through March 14, 2021

- Initial vaccine administration - \$16.94
- Second vaccine administration - \$28.39
- Single dose vaccine administration - \$28.39

COVID-19 Vaccines administered with dates of service on or after March 15, 2021:

- Initial vaccine administration - \$40.00
- Second vaccine administration - \$40.00
- Single dose vaccine administration - \$40.00

AHCCCS will be issuing updated billing guidance and COVID FAQs with additional information.

As always, don't hesitate to contact your **Mercy Care Network Management Representative** with any questions or comments. You can find this **notice** and all other provider notices on our Mercy Care website.

Thanks for all you do!

