
To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

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Subject: Informational Bulletin 21-27: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration in Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics throughout the Public Health Emergency (PHE)

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Effective for dates of service on or after **December 23, 2020** and throughout the COVID-19 PHE declaration, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved an alternative payment methodology (APM) for FQHCs and RHCs to receive reimbursement for COVID-19 vaccine administration when not conducted as part of an otherwise billable FQHC/RHC encounter. Reimbursement will be the Medicare rate on file for each date of service. The relevant procedure codes for vaccine and vaccine administration are listed on the [COVID-19 Vaccine/Treatment Fee Schedule](#).

Administration of COVID-19 vaccines as part of an otherwise billable FQHC/RHC encounter will be reimbursed as a part of the all-inclusive encounter rate and no separate reimbursement will be made. FQHCs/RHCs must submit the T1015 procedure code with detailed lines including both the respective COVID-19 vaccine and the appropriate administration code for reimbursement of the vaccine administration.

Please review [IB 21-27](#) for full details.

What do you need to know? AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana's claims system will be updated by December 15, 2021. Additional information regarding billing guidelines for claim submissions will be forthcoming.

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