

## **Kentucky Medicaid Program Coverage of COVID-19 Vaccines, Vaccine Administration, and Testing**

In accordance with 42 CFR 447.57, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) filed a disaster relief state plan amendment (SPA) with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 20, 2023. The purpose of this SPA is to add payment and coverage for COVID-19 vaccines, vaccine administration, and testing. This SPA has an effective date of March 11, 2021.

This SPA was submitted in response to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act that became effective on March 11, 2021. This new law requires state Medicaid agencies to cover COVID-19 vaccines and administration without cost sharing for Kentucky Medicaid members.

DMS will reimburse providers in accordance with established fee schedules for the specific provider type for vaccine administration and testing for COVID-19. These services will be available to all Kentucky Medicaid members with no-copays or other cost-sharing obligations.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

There will be no fiscal impact to the Department for Medicaid Services.

### **Public Comments**

Copies of this notice are available at each county's Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) office and at <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/default.aspx> and <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/Pages/publicnotices.aspx>. For the address of the local office, please see [https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/Office\\_Phone/index.aspx](https://prdweb.chfs.ky.gov/Office_Phone/index.aspx).

A copy of this notice is available for public review at the Department for Medicaid Services at the address listed below. Comments or inquiries may be submitted in writing within thirty (30) days to:

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