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Pharmacy Provider Guidance on Vaccines

The Secretary of Health and Human Services amended the federal health emergency declaration on August 24, 2020. The amendment authorized State-licensed pharmacists to order and administer, and authorized pharmacy interns (who are licensed or registered by their State board of pharmacy and acting under the supervision of a State-licensed pharmacist) to administer any vaccine that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends be provided to persons ages three (3) through eighteen (18) according to ACIP's standard immunization schedule ([ACIP-recommended vaccines](#)).

Medicaid Fee-For-Service (FFS)

Effective November 1, 2020, the FFS will comply with the amended federal health declaration and will reimburse pharmacies for the administration of certain vaccines according to our existing reimbursement structure. Specifically, the FFS will reimburse pharmacies for the vaccine's ingredient cost and the professional dispensing fee. For detailed information, please visit: [Pharmacy Provider guidance issued on October 16, 2020](#).

Mandatory Reporting to ImmuNet

Please remember to check ImmuNet before administering a vaccine to ensure that the child or adult has not already received the vaccine through another provider. The ImmuNet website, [ImmuNet enrollment](#), provides guidance on the mandatory reporting process.

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Maryland Department of Health (**MDH**) **Office of Pharmacy Services (OPS)** has developed the **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory**.

To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations.

It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via MDH, please contact the OPS representative at 410-767-1455.