

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2225-MC-FFS-CVD

DATE: March 26, 2021

TO: Iowa Medicaid Hospital, Physician MD, Physician DO, Podiatrist, Optometrist, Rural Health Clinic (RHC), Clinic, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC), Psychologist, Certified Nurse Midwife, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), Clinical Social Worker, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Behavioral Health and Physician Assistant Providers, Area Education Agency (AEA), and Local Education Agency (LEA), Nursing Facilities/Skilled Nursing Facilities (NF/SNF), Pharmacies

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS), and Coronavirus Disease (CVD)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: COVID-19 Vaccines

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2021

In [Informational Letter \(IL\) 2207-MC-FFS-CVD¹](#), the IME announced information regarding billing and coding for administration fees of the COVID-19 vaccines.

With the recent federal approval of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the IME is updating its COVID-19 vaccine administration rate for both MC and FFS to match the new Medicare rate of \$40.

Additionally, based on the ARPA, Medicaid is expanding the following coverage groups to include COVID-19 vaccine:

- COVID testing coverage
- Hawki – dental only
- Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women
- Limited Medicaid for non-citizens

¹ [2207-MC-FFS_COVID-19_Vaccines_Monoclonal_Antibodies.pdf \(iowa.gov\)](#)

The expanded coverage groups are effective with dates of service of March 11, 2021, or after. Review dates of service and claims to ensure appropriate payment based on these coverage group changes.

The \$40 administration rate per COVID-19 vaccine dose is effective April 1, 2021. This is \$80 total for a two dose series vaccine and \$40 for a single dose vaccine. Doses provided prior to the effective date will be paid at the administrative rate identified in [IL 2207-MC-FFS-CVD](#)². All other billing guidance provided in IL 2207-MC-FFS-CVD remains in effect.

If you have billing questions, please contact the IME Provider Services at 1-800-338-7909 or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

² [2207-MC-FFS COVID-19 Vaccines Monoclonal Antibodies.pdf \(iowa.gov\)](#)