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**\*\*Attention Pharmacies and Pharmacists: Important Changes to Administration Fee for Vaccines\*\***

**Effective 1/1/2022**, the pharmacy administration fee for vaccines will be changing from \$13.97 to \$13.87. Please note, **this change does not apply to COVID-19 vaccine administration rates**. This adjustment is being made to align with changes to the physician fee schedule (CPT code 90471) for adult vaccinations by primary care practitioners. DVHA-enrolled pharmacies may be reimbursed for vaccinations administered by pharmacists to adults 19 years and older who are enrolled in Vermont's publicly funded programs. Pharmacists must be compliant with all Vermont laws governing vaccine administration. Failure to comply with all Vermont immunization regulations will subject these claims to recoupment. Please refer to the December 17, 2020 communication for details on pharmacist enrollment.

[https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/Pharmacist%20Enrollment\\_Pharmacy%20Communication\\_FINAL\\_12.17.2020.pdf](https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/Pharmacist%20Enrollment_Pharmacy%20Communication_FINAL_12.17.2020.pdf) .

Children ages 6 months through 18 years presenting for vaccination at pharmacies may be referred to their health care provider for State-supplied vaccines. Alternatively, pharmacies may enroll in the Vermont Child Vaccine Program (VCVP). For more information, please refer to the communication dated November 16, 2020

[https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/providers/Pharmacy/Pediatric%20Vaccinations\\_Pharmacy%20Communication.pdf](https://dvha.vermont.gov/sites/dvha/files/documents/providers/Pharmacy/Pediatric%20Vaccinations_Pharmacy%20Communication.pdf)

Through the pharmacy point-of-sale (POS) system, the pharmacy must submit the code "MA" in the Professional Service Code field to receive full reimbursement for administering a vaccine. There is no dispensing fee paid for pharmacist-administered vaccines. Pharmacies will continue to be reimbursed for the ingredient cost of the vaccine as well as the administration fee. An administration fee will be added to adult ACIP recommended vaccines for the following indications:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Herpes Zoster
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza
- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal
- Pneumococcal
- Tetanus and Diphtheria
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis
- Typhoid Fever
- Varicella

For questions, please contact the Change Healthcare Pharmacy Help Desk at 1-844-679-5362. Vermont providers can also send inquiries via email to [PBA\\_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com](mailto:PBA_VTHelpdesk@changehealthcare.com). Thank you for your continued support of Vermont's pharmacy benefits programs.