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**To:** Advisory Council for Medical Assistance  
Ron Poole, Chair, Pharmacy TAC

**From:** Lisa D. Lee, Commissioner

**Date:** January 4, 2024

**RE:** DMS Response to the Pharmacy TAC recommendations presented during the November 30, 2023, MAC Meeting

In response to the recommendations provided by the MAC, as presented and approved at the November 30, 2023, MAC meeting, the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) respectfully submits the following:

**Recommendation** - Motion was passed requesting that in order to drive an increase in childhood vaccination rate, DMS to send out a communication alerting pharmacy to the effect of the rule change that no longer requires pharmacies to enroll in the VFC program in order to be fully reimbursed for vaccinations to children in Medicaid as long as the child meets the threshold under state pharmacy immunization statutes and rules.

**DMS Response** – DMS will prepare this response.

**Recommendation** - Motion was passed to request DMS change their policy that would provide parity for patients in the FFS program by allowing access to vaccines at pharmacies and ensure pharmacies are reimbursed for the product and administration fee.

**DMS Response** – DMS will work with the Pharmacy TAC to amend this policy in regulation and ensure all system changes are discussed and vetted to ensure a smooth transition to the new policy.

**Recommendation** - Motion was passed to have DMS create a statewide protocol for pharmacies to administer HPV vaccinations in order to incentivize an increase in Kentucky's HPV adolescent vaccination rate.

**DMS Response** – DMS will work with the Pharmacy TAC to amend this policy in regulation and ensure all system changes are discussed and vetted to ensure a smooth transition to the new policy.