COVID-19 Vaccine and Monoclonal Antibodies Billing Information

As a Medicare Advantage plan, AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Care Plus wants to remind you that according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) if you intend to administer either the COVID-19 vaccine or monoclonal antibodies bamlanivimab, casirivimab or imdevimab both the administration and vaccine must be billed to Original Medicare through the Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) for 2020 – 2021 dates of service. Please refer to the CMS COVID-19 Provider Toolkit website at https://www.cms.gov/covidvax-provider. The toolkit will provide you information on the following:

- How health care providers can enroll in Medicare to bill for administering COVID-19 vaccines.
- The COVID-19 Vaccine Medicare coding structure.
- The Medicare reimbursement strategy for COVID-19 vaccine administration.
- How health care providers can bill correctly for administering vaccines, including roster and centralized billing.

CMS has asked us to convey to our provider network the following information*:

- Be aware of your reporting requirements for the vaccination – providers must record details of the vaccination into their system of record within 24 hours, and into the applicable public health system within 72 hours. Detailed information regarding this can be found in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations found at https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/covid19-vaccination-guidance.html.
- For vaccines that require multiple doses, we want to encourage providers to communicate to their patients to get both doses of the same vaccine and to schedule an appointment for the second dose immediately following the first dose.
- Medicare beneficiaries have full freedom of choice of vaccine providers, both in and out of network.
- There is no cost to your Medicare patients for them to receive COVID-19 shots.
- Refer to our plan website for any latest plan updates at www.amerihealthcaritasvipcareplus.com.

Our plan wants to work with our provider community to support our members who wish to receive the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available to them. Please reach out to your Provider Network Account Executive or call Provider Services at 1-888-667-0318 to let us know how we can help you in this important initiative. Thank you for all you are doing to serve our members during this unprecedented time.

*CMS Billing, Coverage and Patient Information resource toolkit for health plans - https://www.cms.gov/COVIDvax