

To: All TennCare Providers
From: Victor Wu, Chief Medical Officer
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Subject: **COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Payment Rate**

Thank you for all that you continue to do to support TennCare members during the COVID-19 public health emergency, and especially during the recent COVID-19 vaccination campaign.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently increased the Medicare payment rate for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration. Effective March 15, 2021, CMS increased the **average COVID-19 vaccine administration rate to \$40 per vaccine dose**. More information about the CMS COVID-19 vaccine administration payment can be found at: <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/medicare-covid-19-vaccine-shot-payment>.

TennCare and our Managed Care Contractors (Amerigroup Community Care, BlueCare Tennessee, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, and OptumRx), remain fully committed to supporting our providers and members as part of the state's COVID-19 vaccination efforts. All of **TennCare's Managed Care Contractors will be reimbursing TennCare providers for COVID-19 vaccine administration at the average CMS rate of \$40 per vaccine dose**. Each MCC is working to update their vaccination administration reimbursement rates over the next few weeks and will ensure that the new rate will be applied to all eligible claims with dates of service on or after 3/15/2021. This will include retroactively adjusting any eligible claims that have already been processed for these dates of service.

TennCare believes this continued investment in our TennCare providers who are offering COVID-19 vaccinations to TennCare members will further support the extraordinary efforts by our providers to increase the number of vaccines administered each day. We are grateful for the increased staffing, patient outreach, and required supports that you are providing to help ensure as many Medicaid members as possible can be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

TennCare also encourages all TennCare providers to visit the TN Department of Health's website to learn more about how to become a COVID-19 vaccine provider at: <https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/ncov/covid-19-vaccine-information-for-healthcare-providers.html>

We are grateful for the continued care that you provide to all our TennCare members during these unprecedented times.