



**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR MARYLAND'S STATE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR COVERAGE OF THE
ADMINISTRATION OF COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

The Maryland Department of Health is amending the State Plan to include coverage for the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccinations may be administered by providers for whom vaccine administration is within their scope of practice.

Effective for dates of services on or after December 18, 2020, payments for the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations are:

1. Equivalent to the Medicare rate for any single dose vaccine;
2. Equivalent to the Medicare rate for any vaccine requiring two doses or more doses unless the vaccine is administered through a pharmacy provider; and
3. Paid at a rate of \$22.81 per dose when administered through a pharmacy provider when two or more doses are required.

Approximately 1.5 million participants are currently enrolled in Maryland Medicaid. Assuming all participants are vaccinated using a two-dose vaccination (\$45.33), total cost to administer the vaccinations is estimated to be \$67,995,000 (39% State General Funds and 61% Federal Funds).

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