



# ADVISORY

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## **COVID-19 Vaccine Reimbursement - UPDATE**

The Office of Pharmacy Services (OPS) has made modifications to the previously provided guidance [Advisory 219](#), issued on December 11, 2020, [Advisory 221](#), issued on January 12, 2021, and [Advisory 224](#), issued on March 23, 2021. **Effective September 16, 2023**, OPS will be updating the reimbursement methodology for all FDA/EUA-approved commercialized COVID-19 vaccines administered by pharmacy providers. Payment for the ingredient cost will follow COMAR 10.09.03.07. The incentive fee will continue to be \$40 for the administration of each dose of the vaccine and the Professional Dispensing Fee will be \$0. An updated COVID-19 vaccine payer sheet is available under Provider Information page at:

<https://www.mdhrxprograms.com/webportal/#/publicFacing>

The Program's Point-of-Sale vendor is currently in the process of implementing the necessary systematic changes for the updated reimbursement methodology, which are projected to be in place by October 12, 2023. Until then, all claims for the COVID-19 vaccines will be reimbursed per COMAR 10.09.03.07 (ingredient cost plus the professional dispensing fee) instead of the reimbursement stated above. Pharmacy providers who billed for vaccines before the systematic changes were implemented will have to reverse and rebill the original claim to receive correct reimbursement (ingredient cost plus the administration fee).

Thank you for your cooperation in advance. If you have any questions, please send an email to [MDH.mmpp@maryland.gov](mailto:MDH.mmpp@maryland.gov)

In an effort to give timely notice to the pharmacy community concerning important pharmacy topics, the Maryland Department of Health (**MDH**) **Office of Pharmacy Services (OPS)** has developed the **Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program Advisory**.

To expedite information timely to the pharmacy and prescriber communities, an email network has been established which incorporates the email lists of the Maryland Pharmacists Association, EPIC, CARE, Long Term Care Consultants, headquarters of all chain drugstores and prescriber associations and organizations.

It is our hope that the information is disseminated to all interested parties. If you have not received this email through any of the previously noted parties or via MDH, please contact the OPS representative at 410-767-1455.