

Medicaid Updates

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COVID-19 Vaccinations

❖ Enhanced Vaccine Administration

1) Increased reimbursement from \$40 to \$100

- J&J initial dose
- 1st & 2nd dose of Pfizer and Moderna

2) Extended through December 31, 2021

❖ Boosters

1) Now covered for eligible populations

2) Paid at \$40 per administration

❖ Home Administration

1) Working on Disaster SPA to allow for home administration



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- ❖ Hospital (total \$129,209,000)
 - 1) Staffing Assistance
 - 2) COVIDComm and Antibody Add-ons
- ❖ Nursing Home (total \$116,412,000)
 - 1) Cost of biohazardous waste and COVID-19 testing
 - 2) Staffing Assistance
 - 3) Unreimbursed fixed property cost assistance
- ❖ Home and Community Based Services (total \$150,350,000)
 - 1) Work force stabilization and quality improvement
 - 2) Technology and Education
 - 3) Expanding and Enhancing Services



Changes for January 1, 2022

❖ ARHOME—Act 530

- 1) New Cost Sharing Rules
- 2) Begin new quality monitoring

❖ Pharmacy Slot Limit Increase—Act 758

- 1) Slots increased to six (6)
- 2) Maintenance medications are exempted
 - Diabetes, cholesterol, high blood pressure, inhalers, blood modifiers

❖ FQHC Practitioners—Act 764

- 1) Clarifies the following to provide services at FQHC:
 - Licensed Clinical Social Worker
 - Licensed Professional Counselor
 - Licensed Mental Health Counselor
 - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Changes for January 1, 2022

- ❖ Continuous Glucose Monitor Coverage—Act 643
 - 1) Requires coverage CGMs for the following groups:
 - Type 1 Diabetics who use insulin at least twice a day
 - Type 1 Diabetics who have evidence of Level 2 or 3 hypoglycemia
 - Those with Glycogen storage type 1a diabetes
 - 2) Will require Prior Authorization (PA)
- ❖ Telemedicine Changes—Act 767 & 829
 - 1) Client's home can be the originating site.
 - 2) Services can be audio (telephone) only, when appropriate.
- ❖ Procedure Code Link Update
 - 1) Creating tables and links for HCPCS and CPT codes
 - 2) Easier to find and use
 - 3) Can update faster

Change for February 1, 2022

❖ PCP Visit Increase

- 1) Goes to 16 visits for any assigned to a PCP through the Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) program
- 2) Includes physicians, APRNs, FQHCs, and RHCs

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