WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT THE COVID-19 VACCINATION AND FRAUD

Wyoming Medicaid is updating you on the latest COVID-19 resources available in your area and alerting you about COVID-19 scams.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available across the state. **Medicaid covers the COVID-19 vaccination. There will be no cost to you.** You may need to share your Medicaid ID card when you receive the vaccination.

The Department of Health is working with your local county health office to provide timely information on COVID-19 and available vaccinations. The vaccine is distributed in a phased approach based on age and health conditions.

You can find resources for free testing and free vaccinations by:

o   Contacting your doctor, clinic or other health care provider.

o   Visiting this COVID-19 information page: https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/infectious-disease-epidemiology-unit/disease/novel-coronavirus/ ,

o   Visiting this Wyoming COVID-19 Vaccine Information page: https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/immunization/wyoming-covid-19-vaccine-information/, or

o   Visiting your county health department's COVID-19 page: https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/immunization/wyoming-covid-19-vaccine-information/county-covid-19-vaccine-information/.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COVID-19 SCAMS

o   DO NOT SHARE your personal information (Social Security Number or Medicaid Identification Number) with anyone other than a trusted healthcare provider.

o   DO NOT SHARE photos of COVID-19 vaccination cards on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). Sharing your date of birth, or other personal information can be used to steal your identity.

o   DO NOT OPEN OR REPLY TO text messages, emails, or unknown phone numbers about COVID-19 from senders you don't know.

o   MAKE SURE YOUR APPOINTMENT LOCATION for a COVID-19 test or vaccination is an official testing or vaccination site by checking with your county health department's COVID-19 page at https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/immunization/wyoming-covid-19-vaccine-information/county-covid-19-vaccine-information/

BE AWARE OF AND REPORT ANY COVID-19 SCAMS LIKE THESE:

- o OFFERS TO PURCHASE COVID-19 vaccination cards.
- o REQUESTS FOR YOU TO PAY for a COVID-19 vaccination or to share your Medicaid number.
- o REQUESTS TO PAY to get on a vaccination list, get your vaccination faster, or to increase your vaccination eligibility.
- o OFFERS OF COVID-19 TESTS OR SUPPLIES by unknown callers or visitors.
- o OFFERS OR ADVERTISMENTS for COVID-19 testing, treatment, or vaccinations found on social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter.
- o PEOPLE PRETENDING to be COVID-19 contact tracers. Contact tracers will **never** ask for your Medicare or Medicaid number, financial information, or attempt to set up a COVID-19 test for you and collect payment for the test.

If you suspect COVID-19 or any other health care fraud, please contact:

- o Wyoming Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
  Phone: (307) 777-3444 or 1-800-378-0345 (toll free in Wyoming)
  Email: ag.medicaid.fraud@wyo.gov
  Website: http://ag.wyo.gov/medicaid-fraud-control-unit
- o Wyoming Medicaid Program Integrity Unit
  Phone: 307-777-2054
  Website: https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/program-integrity/

  OR
- o The US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General
  Phone: 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477)
  Website: https://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/report-fraud/

OTHER FRAUD TIPS

RED FLAGS: Scammers and fraudsters may do one or more of the following:

- - Contact you with no existing or prior relationship,
- - Promise services or supplies at "little or no cost" to you,
- - Offer to pay you for signing up for services or supplies,
- - Demand or request "cash only" payments for services or calls.

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