

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wyoming Department of Health Disaster Relief SPA for Coverage, Reimbursement, and Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines

Public notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Health intends to submit a Disaster Relief (DR) State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Upon CMS approval, the proposed changes will update Medicaid Vaccine Coverage, as indicated in SPA, which will be effective retroactively to December 11, 2020 through the end of the declared Public Health Emergency and any renewals thereof.

Wyoming Medicaid is submitting this Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment to document, in accordance with the HHS Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act Declaration, that pharmacies are qualified providers of COVID-19 vaccinations. COVID-19 vaccines may be ordered and administered by licensed pharmacists, and may be administered by qualified pharmacy interns and qualified pharmacy technicians working under the direction of a licensed pharmacist within their respective scopes of practice according to state law. In addition, Wyoming Medicaid covers ordered and administered COVID-19 tests by licensed pharmacists and COVID-19 tests administered by pharmacy interns and technicians under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

Additionally, the DR SPA describes the Wyoming Medicaid reimbursement rates for COVID-19 vaccines when reimbursed separately on a claim and not part of an encounter payment rate. In such instances, Wyoming Medicaid will follow national Medicare rates in effect on the date of service of the vaccination, without geographic adjustment. In instances where the COVID-19 vaccine is billed as part of a provider's encounter rate, no adjustment will be made to the encounter rate as a result of vaccine administration.

The federal fiscal impact of this change is anticipated to be \$120,000 for FFY 2021 and \$200,000 for FFY 2022.

Copies of the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan will be available at the Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing. To obtain a copy of the State Plan Amendment, contact:

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