

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

**HHSC Does Not Cover Vaccines or Drugs That Do Not Have FDA
Approval or Emergency Use Authorization**

*****Added UHC note: Until the new FDA-approved vaccines are added to the Vendor Drug Program formulary, providers should refer UHC members to obtain new FDA-approved COVID vaccines through a medical provider, not a pharmacy.***

Key Details:

Texas Medicaid and CHIP do not cover vaccines or drugs that are not authorized or approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

HSC will not cover procedure codes related to COVID-19 vaccine or drugs administration as non-risk payments (NRP) if the COVID-19 vaccines or drugs no longer have FDA approval or authorization.

As referenced in the notice titled “Update on Reimbursement for Non-Risk Criteria for COVID-19 and CHIP Copay Waiver” published on June 8, 2023, the NRP COVID-19 reimbursement criteria had an end date of service of August 31, 2023.

For information on COVID-19 vaccines and treatments currently authorized by the FDA, providers can visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html#recommendations> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/treatments-for-severe-illness.html>.

If MCOs reimbursed for vaccines that do not have FDA approval or Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), MCOs must reprocess affected claims and work with individual providers regarding recoupment.

Resources:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: FDA Authorizes Changes to Simplify Use of Bivalent mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines | FDA](#)

[FDA Roundup: June 2, 2023 | FDA](#)

[FDA Takes Action on Updated mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines to Better Protect Against Currently Circulating Variants | FDA](#)

Questions?

For questions about rate changes or claims, reach out to your provider advocate, email uhc_cp_prov_relations@uhc.com or call the LTSS Provider Relations Line at 888-787-4107.