



Vaccination Rates for Eligible Medical Clients Remain Low; Action Needed

Since Governor Hutchinson announced the temporary rate increase for COVID-19 vaccine administration in August, claims data show only a modest increase in vaccinations for eligible Arkansas Medicaid clients. As a result, Arkansas Medicaid is asking you to actively reach out to Medicaid clients you see to encourage them to get vaccinated. To help you reach out to Medicaid clients, Arkansas Medicaid has created a [toolkit](#) that includes sample emails, fliers, and social media graphics that you can download and share on your practice's social media channels.

The increase rate applies to both first (1st) and second (2nd) vaccination administration (of Pfizer or Moderna), or a single shot of the Johnson & Johnson vaccination. Medicaid will pay \$100 rather than the usual \$40 vaccine administration rate. Providers who administer both the first and second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine to a client will be paid \$200 (\$100 for each dose).

The correct procedure codes that must be used to obtain the temporary increase in administration rates are set out in the tables in this [official notice](#).

The effective dates for the temporary vaccination administration rate increase are:

- Beginning Date: Friday, August 13, 2021
- Ending Date: Friday, December 31, 2021

Please contact your [AFMC Provider Relations outreach specialist](#) if you have any questions. We are always happy to help you.

Sincerely,

AFMC Provider Relations