



Stakeholder Update: COVID 19

**Medicaid and CHIP Services
March 11, 2021**



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COVID-19 Vaccine

A third COVID-19 vaccine is now authorized for the United States

- The FDA issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the single-dose Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID vaccine on February 27, 2021
- The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended the vaccine for individuals 18 years of age and older
- The vaccine has been found to be safe and effective at preventing moderate-to-severe/critical illness resulting from COVID-19



COVID-19 Vaccine

- The vaccine is a single dose and may be kept at standard refrigerator temperatures for up to 3 months
- Medicaid and CHIP MCOs must allow pharmacy claims with dates of service going back to March 1, 2021
- The vaccine administration code for the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine is **0031A**
- The fee-for-service vaccine administration fee will be reimbursed at \$28.39



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COVID-19 Vaccine

Phase 1C

- On March 10, 2021 the Texas Department of State Health Services released information on the Phase 1C population for vaccine allocation efforts
- Phase 1C includes individuals 50-64 years of age
- This newest phase will go live on Monday, March 15, 2021
- More information on vaccine efforts in Texas can be found on the [DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Information site](#)



COVID-19 Response

Communication Channels

Clients

- [COVID section on HHS site](#)
- Health plan channels and providers

Providers

- [COVID section on HHS site](#)
- [COVID section on TMHP site](#)
- Health plan channels

+ Update calls

Submit questions to:
Medicaid_COVID_Questions@hhs.texas.gov



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March 18, 2021**