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DATE: October 8, 2021
TO: All Medicare Advantage Organizations and Medicare-Medicaid Plans
SUBJECT: COVID-19 Vaccine Billing for Medicare Advantage Enrollees in CY 2022

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reminds Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) and Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) of its obligation to pay for the COVID-19 vaccine and its administration (including approved booster doses), without cost sharing, beginning January 1, 2022 for beneficiaries enrolled in their plans. We expect MAOs and MMPs to remind their contracted providers of this billing change well in advance of January 1, 2022, to prevent avoidable billing errors. For more information about COVID-19 vaccine policies and guidance, please see the toolkits found at <https://www.cms.gov/COVIDvax>.

Additionally, CMS encourages MAOs and MMPs to consider in-home vaccine administration payments and other activities to reach homebound enrollees in CY 2022. Original Medicare began offering an additional payment amount for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in the home for certain Medicare patients on June 8, 2021. For more information about Original Medicare's payment for COVID-19 vaccine administration in the home, please see the infographic found at <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/vaccine-home.pdf>.