



# PROVIDER *bulletin*

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Dear Provider:

As we enter the flu season, yet again in the midst of the pandemic, please remember that pharmacies are uniquely positioned to provide preventative health care for our members. Several adult immunizations, including the influenza vaccine, are a pharmacy benefit expressly designed to expand access to immunizations for individuals who are not eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, i.e. Medi-Cal beneficiaries 19 years of age and older. The VFC benefit coverage is restricted to immunizations administered in accordance with the current routine immunization schedules published by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Please proactively promote influenza and Covid-19 vaccines, as well as other appropriate vaccines.

From the California Department of Public Health:

## **COVID-19 Vaccine Coadministration with Other Vaccines**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has issued [guidance on coadministration of COVID-19 vaccines with other vaccines](#). The guidance states: **COVID-19 vaccines and other vaccines may be administered without regard to timing.**

The Board of Pharmacy urges licensees to read the CDPH guidance online at <https://eziz.org/assets/docs/COVID19/IMM-1385.pdf>.

Identify eligible members by checking the CAIR website for vaccination based on current ACIP guidelines. Factors taken into consideration will include:

- Age
- vaccination status e.g. persons previously vaccinated or due for a vaccination according to the recommended schedule
- the presence of a medical condition that puts them at high risk.

After administering the vaccine, please record the encounter with the CAIR website. Further details on pharmacy billing and eligibility requirements for administering vaccines are outlined in Policy 13.07-P.

More information on the two programs may be found at the following links.

**California Immunization Registry (CAIR) Website:** <http://cairweb.org>

**Vaccines for Children (VFC) Website:** [www.eziz.org](http://www.eziz.org)

Thank you for helping to take care of our members and performing the important and appreciated services you provide day in and day out.

Sincerely,

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