



# PROVIDER *bulletin*

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Re: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration – APL 20-022

Dear Provider:

COVID-19 vaccines will be provided at no cost to all beneficiaries. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has approved California's COVID-19 vaccination plan and the DHCS will be following the approved plan. The implementation plan has several phases starting with Healthcare workers and Long-term care residents in Phase 1A. For more information regarding California's COVID-19 Vaccine Plan, please visit:

[Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

**Reimbursement:**

The federal government will pay for initial vaccines and therefore there will not be provider reimbursement from Medi-Cal for the COVID-19 vaccine. Administration of the COVID-19 vaccine is a billable service but is required to be billed to **Medi-Cal FFS** and **not** to Kern Health Systems. Billing specifics will be released in Medi-Cal Newsflashes.

**Obtaining COVID-19 Vaccines:**

Providers must have an immunization information system ID (IIS). Local Health Departments will invite providers who have an IIS ID to enroll. Enrolling in California's COVID-19 vaccination program will also occur in phases. Enrollment is currently limited, but as supplies increase, additional providers will be invited to enroll. For any questions regarding enrolling in the California COVID-19 Vaccination Program, please call (833) 502-1245, Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm or email [COVIDCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:COVIDCallCenter@cdph.ca.gov)

**Administering the Vaccine:**

COVID-19 vaccine must be administered in accordance with the CDC and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice requirements and providers must meet storage and recordkeeping requirements. The administration of the vaccine must be recorded

- in the patient's chart or in the EMR (electronic medical record) system within 24 hours of administration
- to the public health data system within 72 hours of administration

**Additional Information:**

COVID-19 Medi-Cal Response Webpage

[https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/COVID19\\_response.aspx](https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/COVID19_response.aspx)

California Immunization Registry

<http://cairweb.org/join-cair/>

Action Steps and Instructions for Providers

<https://eziz.org/assets/other/IMM-1295.pdf>

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<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2020/APL20-002.pdf>

If you have any additional questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 661-664-5000.

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