Important COVID-19 Vaccine Information for Providers

In an effort to best support our provider network and members, Partners Health Plan would like to share important information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and its distribution, critical steps and actions for providers to take in order to be eligible to administer the vaccine, as well as how to share your vaccine availability.

General COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Information:
- The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will oversee vaccine information and distribution.
- Vaccination for COVID-19 will be done in phases.
- The initial vaccine offering will be targeted to front line health care workers and all long term and congregate care residents and staff.
- Later, as supplies increase, the vaccine will be made available for the general population without specific risk indicators.

Provider Preparation: NYSDOH has been working rapidly to scale up capacity to enroll providers as they began accepting provider enrollment December 3rd. NYSDOH recommends that health care providers that are not currently enrolled in the vaccination program, register for the Immunization Information System and complete enrollment process steps as soon as possible. CLICK HERE for all necessary forms needed to complete the enrollment process, as well as information regarding ordering, receiving and administering the vaccine once enrolled.

Vaccination Distribution: Once a vaccine provider, NYSDOH encourages sharing of vaccine availability with Vaccine Finder, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) contracted application for mapping locations at COVID-19 vaccine availability (www.vaccinefinder.org).

It is also recommended that health plans partner with providers to identify vaccine candidates appropriate for vaccination based on CDC risk groups. CLICK HERE for a list of at-risk groups, please contact providerrelations@phpcares.org to inquire about shared members who may be considered high-risk and thus appropriate for vaccination.

Other Helpful Links:
New York State Vaccination Program

As NYSDOH continues its planning, additional guidance and information will be released and communicated to the PHP Provider Network.

Thank you,
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