COVID-19 Vaccine Update
PHP Member Access Guidelines

Partners Health Plan (PHP) would like to share the following memo with network providers regarding member access to the COVID-19 vaccine:

The New York State Department of Financial Services has issued guidance to New York-regulated health insurers directing them to immediately cover, without cost sharing, approved COVID-19 immunizations and their administration.

This guidance is consistent with New York Insurance Law, which requires New York-regulated insurers to cover preventive immunizations, without cost sharing, under health insurance policies and contracts, as well as the federal rules interpreting the immunization requirements of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Federal rules require COVID-19 immunizations and their administration to be covered when provided by out-of-network providers for the duration of the public health emergency. Health care providers that participate in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) COVID-19 Vaccination Program must agree to administer a COVID-19 immunization regardless of an individual’s ability to pay or health insurance coverage status, and may not seek reimbursement from the immunization recipient.

PHP members may receive the COVID-19 vaccine at any provider participating in the CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program, regardless of whether that provider is contracted with PHP.

For questions, please email the PHP Provider Relations Department at providerrelations@phpcares.org.

Thank you,
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