

# PUBLIC NOTICE

June 16, 2022

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 447.205, public notice is hereby given for the submission of a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0004 COVID Vaccines and Administration. The Division of Medicaid, in the Office of the Governor, will submit this proposed SPA to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective March 11, 2021, contingent upon approval from CMS, our Transmittal #22-0004.

1. Mississippi Medicaid SPA 22-0004 COVID Vaccines and Administration is being submitted to comply with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) requirements for coverage of COVID vaccines, their administration and vaccine counseling services for children. This SPA is being submitted with an 1135 waiver request to allow the effective date to comply with the ARP.
2. The expected annual aggregate expenditures is \$542,923 federal dollars. There is no expected annual impact to state expenditures as these services are reimbursed at a one hundred percent (100%) of the federal match rate.
3. The Division of Medicaid is submitting this proposed SPA to be in compliance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) requirements.
4. A copy of the proposed SPA will be available in each county health department office and in the Department of Human Services office in Issaquena County for review. A hard copy can be downloaded and printed from [www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov), or requested at 601-359-2081 or by emailing at [DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov).
5. Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or [DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov](mailto:DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov) for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at [www.medicaid.ms.gov](http://www.medicaid.ms.gov).
6. A public hearing on this SPA will not be held.

**Vaccine and Vaccine Administration at Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act**

During the period starting March 11, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act):

**Coverage**

The state assures coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and administration of the vaccines.<sup>1</sup>

The state assures that such coverage:

1. Is provided to all eligibility groups covered by the state, including the optional Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services, Individuals with Tuberculosis, and COVID-19 groups if applicable, with the exception of the Medicare Savings Program groups and the COBRA Continuation Coverage group for which medical assistance consists only of payment of premiums; and
2. Is provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing pursuant to section 1916(a)(2)(H) and section 1916A(b)(3)(B)(xii) of the Act; reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage is not reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise be applicable under the state plan.

Applies to the state's approved Alternative Benefit Plans, without any deduction, cost sharing or similar charge, pursuant to section 1937(b)(8)(A) of the Act.

The state provides coverage for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to §§1902(a)(11), 1902(a)(43), and 1905(hh) of the Act.

The state assures compliance with the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act declarations and authorizations, including all of the amendments to the declaration, with respect to the providers that are considered qualified to prescribe, dispense, administer, deliver and/or distribute COVID-19 vaccines.

Additional Information (Optional):

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<sup>1</sup> The vaccine will be claimed under this benefit once the federal government discontinues purchasing the vaccine.

**Reimbursement**

The state assures that the state plan has established rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for all qualified providers pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

List Medicaid state plan references to payment methodologies that describe the rates for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration for each applicable Medicaid benefit:

Attachment 4.19-B, Pages 5, 6d, and 13c

The state is establishing rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are consistent with Medicare rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines, including any future Medicare updates at the:

- Medicare national average, OR
- Associated geographically adjusted rate.

The state is establishing a state specific fee schedule for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location :

The state's fee schedule is the same for all governmental and private providers.

The below listed providers are paid differently from the above rate schedules and payment to these providers for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are described under the benefit payment methodology applicable to the provider type:

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