



Dear Provider,

The COVID-19 vaccination reimbursement rate has been increased to reflect extra costs providers might incur in efforts to vaccinate Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) or Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) members. All claims going back to November 20, 2020, will be processed at the new rate of \$19.27 for the first dose and \$28.39 for the second dose – a 24% increase over the standard vaccine administration rates. These updated rates can be found on the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing's [Provider Rates & Fee Schedules web page](#) under the [Immunization Rate Schedule](#) drop-down section.

In order to offer the vaccine to members, providers will first need to [enroll in the State's vaccine program](#).

We need your help ensuring all Health First Colorado members get vaccinated. Please let members know when the vaccine is available for them, or [where they can get it](#). Let members know that the cost is entirely covered; they will not be charged co-pays or for the office visit. Reassure them that it's safe to come to your office and that there is [transportation available](#) if they need it.

We appreciate your assistance and engagement in helping us increase the Health First Colorado vaccine uptake rate. Members – even those who are hesitant to get vaccinated - trust information coming from you. Find more information on how to answer members' questions on the [COVID-19 frequently asked questions web page](#). If a member requires additional support to get the vaccine, please have them contact their medical home or [contact the assigned Regional Accountability Entity \(RAE\)](#).

Please encourage your staff to get vaccinated, and refer them to the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment for information on [vaccine safety](#). You can get more information on which phase your staff should be vaccinated in and locations on the [COVID-19 Vaccine web page](#).

Thank you,

Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

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