



COVID-19 Moderna and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) Vaccine Booster Doses – Texas Medicaid

Background

On **Oct. 20, 2021**, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the use of COVID-19 vaccines Moderna and Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) as a single dose booster in specific individuals.

Single Dose Booster:

Moderna COVID-19 vaccine may be administered **at least six months** after completion of the primary series to individuals:

- 65 years of age and older
- 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19
- 18 through 64 years of age with frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2

Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine may be administered **at least two months** after completion of the single-dose primary regimen to individuals:

- 18 years of age and older

Note: Following completion of primary vaccination in eligible individuals, they can use any of the available COVID-19 vaccines as a heterologous (or “mix and match”) booster dose.

Pharmacy Claims

Starting no later than Nov. 5, 2021, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) must process pharmacy claims for Moderna and Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine booster doses as allowed by the amended EUA and we must allow pharmacies to submit claims with dates of service back to **Oct. 20, 2021**.

We suggest our pharmacy providers submit COVID-19 vaccine claims for the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson booster dose using the following for claims: **Submission Clarification Code (SCC) value of “10” (Meets Plan Limitations)**.

Effective **Oct. 27, 2021**, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will accept pharmacy encounters for the booster vaccines. BCBSTX must resubmit any claims with SCC value for COVID-19 vaccines Moderna or Johnson and Johnson booster dose with prior dates of services of Oct. 27, 2021.

Reimbursement

HHSC will continue to follow the Medicare rate for vaccine administration and Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) pharmacy claims for the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccine booster doses with an effective date of Oct. 20, 2021.



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