



BlueCross BlueShield  
of Texas

# COVID-19 Vaccine Suspension of Out-of-Network Limits for Texas Medicaid and CHIP

## Background

The COVID-19 vaccine is a benefit of Texas Medicaid and CHIP programs. Coverage of the COVID-19 vaccine is mandatory whether the vaccine is administered by an in-network or out-of-network provider. As a reminder, there is no cost sharing for CHIP as this is a preventative service.

## What is new


The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will not enforce out-of-network usage limits for the administration of approved COVID-19 vaccines. Participation **is limited to enrolled** Texas Medicaid and CHIP providers. Payments to out-of-network providers must be made within required timeframes of the [Uniform Managed Care Claims Manual \(UMCCM\) found in chapter 2](#).

## Become a COVID-19 vaccinator

For additional information on how to become a COVID-19 Vaccinator visit the [HHSC website](#).

## Have questions?

Contact our BCBSTX Medicaid Provider Service Center at 1-877-560-8055 or contact your BCBSTX Medicaid Provider Network Representative at 1-855-212-1615.

 By clicking this link, you will go to a new website/app ("site"). This new site may be offered by a vendor or an independent third party. The site may also contain non-Medicare related information. In addition, some sites may require you to agree to their terms of use and privacy policy.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association