

To: AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire Providers

Date: January 25, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine

With the recent emergency use authorization and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, our members will likely be looking to you, their health care provider, for direction. Updates and changes are happening quickly, and AmeriHealth Caritas New Hampshire is closely monitoring guidance from local and federal officials to learn the most up-to date information.

As we continue to learn more, here is what we do know:

- 1. It is important for everyone to continue taking steps to protect themselves by social distancing, washing their hands, and wearing a face covering.
- 2. Distribution of the vaccine has begun but it will take time before the vaccine is more widely available. We are aware that you may be planning to administer the vaccine to your patients, and we will be interested in collecting more information from you to share with our members.
- 3. For the most current information about who is eligible for the vaccine during and after the public health emergency, visit the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NHDHHS) website: https://www.nh.gov/covid19/.
- **4.** According to the <u>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services</u>, state-specific regulations may apply to billing and reimbursement guidance. Again, please visit the NHDHHS website: https://www.nh.gov/covid19/.

Please refer to the resources below for the most up-to-date COVID-19 vaccine information and for state guidance.

- NHDHHS: https://www.nh.gov/covid19/
- NHDHHS Vaccine Planning: https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/vaccination-planning.htm
- CMS: https://www.cms.gov/covidvax
- FDA: https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines
- **CDC:** https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/vaccination.html
- CDC COVID 19 Vaccine Playbook: https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/downloads/COVID-19-Vaccination-Program-Interim Playbook.pdf

Questions:

Thank you for your participation in our network and your continued commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact your Provider Account Executive or the Provider Services department at **1-888-599-1479.**