

**DATE:**

**03/10/2023**

**TO:**

**Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribally Owned/Operated (638) Facilities and Pharmacies**

**FROM:**

**AHCCCS Division of Fee for Service Management (DFSM)**

**SUBJECT:**

**Additional Reimbursements of the Pharmacy All Inclusive Rate (AIR) for the Administration of COVID-19 and Influenza Immunizations are Ending**

This memo communicates the ending of additional All Inclusive Rate (AIR) reimbursements that were permitted for IHS/638 pharmacies for COVID-19 and influenza immunizations.

Initially the additional AIRs were allowed beginning on November 23, 2020. They will no longer be permitted when the Public Health Emergency (PHE) period ends effective May 11, 2023.

Additional information may be found on the AHCCCS [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) web page, as well as [the Biden Administration's announcement](#) of its intention to end the National Public Health Emergency declaration on May 11, 2023.

As a reminder, AIRs for COVID-19 and influenza immunizations, submitted to the PBM on or after May 11, 2023, shall be reimbursed for zero dollars when it is not the first point-of-sale claim adjudicated by the pharmacy benefit manager, OptumRx, for the member on that date of service. The AIR shall be reimbursed once daily per member per facility pharmacy through the point-of-sale system. Please see the [AHCCCS IHS/Tribal Provider Billing Manual Chapter 10 – Pharmacy Services](#) and the [Fee for Service Provider Billing Manual Chapter 12 – Pharmacy Services](#).