

302 – COST SETTLEMENT FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE OF 2019 VACCINE

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I. PURPOSE

This Policy applies to ACC, ALTCS E/PD, DCS/Comprehensive Health Plan (CHP), DES/DDD (DDD), and RBHA Contractors. This Policy establishes requirements for cost settlement for Coronavirus Disease of 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine costs and Vaccine Administration Costs for October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 (CYE 22). The Contractor is not contractually at risk for the cost of the vaccine or the Vaccine Administration Costs during CYE 22. The anticipated costs have not been included in the CYE 22 capitation rates; therefore, the Contractor will be provided payment via cost settlement as delineated in this Policy.

II. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy:

PREMIUM TAX	The tax imposed pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2905 and A.R.S. § 36-2944.01 for all payments made to the Contractor for the Contract year.
VACCINE ADMINISTRATION COST	The cost of administering the vaccine. This is the cost of administering the COVID-19 vaccine using the CMS 1500 medical form, in the 837P format or through the point-of-sale (POS) system. The COVID-19 vaccines are provided at no charge from the Federal government at the time of publication.

III. POLICY**A. GENERAL**

This cost settlement shall relate solely to COVID-19 vaccine cost, if not provided by the Federal government at no charge, and Vaccine Administration Costs made by the Contractor for Title XIX and Title XXI members using the following list of approved current procedural terminology (CPT) codes:

0001A	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Administration First Dose
0002A	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Second Dose
0003A	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Third Dose
91300	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine
0011A	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Administration First Dose
0012A	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Second Dose

0013A	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Third Dose
91301	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine
0031A	Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Single Dose
91303	Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine
0021A*	Astra Zeneca COVID-19 Vaccine Administration First Dose
0022A*	Astra Zeneca COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Second Dose
91302*	Astra Zeneca COVID-19 Vaccine
0041A*	Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine Administration First Dose
0042A*	Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine Administration First Dose
91304*	Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine

* Only to be included if granted full or emergency use approval by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The following NDC Codes will be used for all vaccines provided in a Pharmacy by a pharmacist (Provider Type 03):

59267100001	Pfizer-Biontech COVID-19 Vaccine Vial
59267100002	Pfizer-Biontech COVID-19 Vaccine Carton
59267100003	Pfizer-Biontech COVID-19 Vaccine Diluent
80777027310	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Vial
80777027399	Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Carton
59676058005	Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine
59676058015	Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Carton

B. AHCCCS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. AHCCCS/Division of Health Care Management (DHCM) shall pull fully adjudicated and approved encounters with only the CPT codes listed above. These pulls shall be made in March 2022, September 2022, and a final pull and settlement in September 2023. The cost settlement shall be conducted and payments, including premium tax, shall be made after each data pull. The cost settlement shall be conducted multiple times to identify and settle any vaccine costs and Vaccine Administration Costs not previously settled. All COVID-19 encounters adjudicated and approved after the September 2023 data pull, shall not be cost settled and shall not be included in any reconciliations or other cost settlements.
2. AHCCCS shall provide the Contractor the data used for the cost settlement and provide written notice of the deadlines for review and comment by the Contractor. Upon completion of the review period, AHCCCS shall evaluate Contractor comments and make any adjustments to the data as warranted. AHCCCS shall then process a payment based on the total amount paid for COVID-19 vaccinations less the previous payments made including premium tax. Refer to Attachment A for an example cost settlement.

3. AHCCCS shall reimburse the Contractor the lesser of, the amount paid by the Contractor to the provider, or the FFS rates for the vaccine cost and Vaccine Administration Costs. All cost settlements to the Contractor shall include premium tax.

C. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Contractor shall submit encounters for COVID-19 vaccine costs and Vaccine Administration Costs and those encounters shall reach fully adjudicated and approved status by the date required by AHCCCS. AHCCCS shall only utilize fully adjudicated and approved encounters reported by the Contractor to determine the cost settlement.
2. The Contractor shall maintain financial statements that separately identify COVID-19 Cost Settlements as required by Contract and in the format specified in the AHCCCS Financial Reporting Guide.