

PHARMACY FACTS

Program Updates from Louisiana Medicaid

November 4, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

COVID-19 vaccine coverage was updated to include a third dose (Moderna or Pfizer) for immunocompromised recipients on September 1, 2021. The third dose is administered in people with moderately to severely compromised immune systems, to improve their response to the initial vaccine series.

Coverage for a **booster** shot of any COVID-19 vaccine (Moderna, Pfizer, or Janssen) for recipients 18 years of age and older will be implemented on **November 15, 2021 with an effective date of October 20, 2021**. A booster shot is given when a person has completed the initial vaccine series and their protection against the COVID-19 virus has decreased over time.

The Pfizer COVID vaccine was recently authorized for children 5-11 years old. We are also currently programming this addition to be implemented on **November 15, 2021 with an effective date of October 29, 2021**. Pfizer released specific NDCs for doses for children. Those NDCs should be used exclusively for children (5-11 years old) to avoid potential vaccine administration errors.

A provider notice with billing instructions will be posted soon.

