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UPDATED MEMORANDUM (DMS-50)

To: Medicaid Providers

From: Division of Medical Services (DMS)

Date: December 17, 2020

Re: Pharmacy Provider Enrollment to Provide Vaccinations

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Arkansas and consistent with CMS's anticipated coverage of vaccination administration, DMS is easing the administrative burden to pharmacies to provide vaccinations to Arkansans, including the COVID-19 vaccine if enrolled with the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).

In order to enroll with Arkansas Medicaid to provide vaccinations, a pharmacy must request the vaccination provider specialty (PV) be added to its provider number and be enrolled with Medicare. The pharmacy does NOT need to be a "mass immunizer" with Medicare to enroll to provide vaccinations. But, to "roster bill" for vaccinations, a pharmacy will need to apply for the mass immunizer status with Medicare.

While simply adding the PV specialty will allow a pharmacy to provide vaccinations to Medicaid clients generally, pharmacists should keep a few additional requirements in mind:

- To provide COVID-19 vaccinations, a pharmacy will need to enroll with the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).
- To bill vaccinations given to children enrolled with Medicaid, the pharmacy needs to enroll with the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program with the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).
- To "roster bill" the pharmacy will need to seek the mass immunizer status with Medicare.