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Updates for Cigna-Participating Providers

January 2023

COVID-19 UPDATE

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Period Extended Through April 11, 2023

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, we have taken important steps to deliver timely accommodations to providers and customers, helping to ensure that customers have continued access to COVID-19 diagnostic services, testing, and treatment in safe settings.

Extension of public health emergency period

To align with the recent [extension](#) of the federal public health emergency (PHE) period, we are again extending the cost-share waiver for diagnostic COVID-19 testing and testing-related services through April 11, 2023 for individuals with Cigna commercial and Cigna Medicare Advantage benefit plans.

New COVID-19 vaccine codes available

As a reminder, Cigna commercial and Cigna Medicare Advantage cover the administration of all FDA or EUA-approved COVID-19 vaccines consistent with [CMS guidelines](#).

- > Two vaccine administration codes, 0164A and 0173A, can now be billed by providers for new COVID-19 vaccine boosters for children, effective for dates of service on or after December 8, 2022.

Similar to other emergency use authorized vaccines, Cigna commercial and Cigna Medicare Advantage will generally reimburse the administration of these vaccines at \$40 per dose and no prior authorization is required.

For additional information about our coverage of the COVID-19 vaccines, please review our [COVID-19 Vaccine coverage policy](#).

Get all the most up-to-date information

We updated our dedicated [COVID-19 provider web page](#) on January 13, 2023 to highlight the extension of the PHE, provide additional coverage information on available vaccines, and more. You can also access additional Cigna Medicare Advantage billing guidelines from this page.

Urgency Meter

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1. Requires immediate attention
2. Requires attention within seven days
3. No action necessary

I encourage you to visit the site to get the latest informati

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If you have questions about how Cigna is responding to
COVID-19, please contact me directly anytime.

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