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**To:** IEHP PCPs & IPAs  
**From:** IEHP – Provider Relations  
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On September 11, 2023, the FDA [announced](#) the approval and authorization of a new single dose COVID-19 vaccine, formulated to target the most recent variants (including omicron variant XBB. 1.5) to protect against serious consequences of COVID, including hospitalization and death.

The **purpose** of this communication is to share **two (2) important pieces of information related to the new single dose COVID-19 vaccine:**

**1.** Although PHE has ended, **the State will continue to carve out the COVID-19 vaccines and associated administration fees from the Medi-Cal managed care delivery system and will reimburse providers under Medi-Cal fee-for-service for medical, pharmacy, and outpatient claims.** This will continue until further notice, at least until December 31, 2024.

#### **What does this mean for IEHP Members?**

IEHP Members will continue to receive their Covid vaccines as a no-cost, covered benefit.

- **For Members ages 18 and under:**

- San Bernardino and Riverside Counties will continue to provide the vaccine at their local public health clinics. Members can also ask their doctor if they are providing the Covid vaccine in their office.
- Pharmacies can provide the vaccine to Members 5 years and older.

- **For Members ages 18 and older:**

- The vaccine should be administered by the Member's PCP or Members can consult their local pharmacies.

**2. Both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties have received the new single-dose vaccine and will continue partnering with IEHP to provide it for our Members under 18.** Vaccine event dates to come!

We have updated our Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory page with new links to important [updates](#): [www.providerservices.iehp.org](http://www.providerservices.iehp.org) > Provider Central > News and Updates > Coronavirus (Covid-19) Advisory

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