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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL COMPANIES WRITING ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE AND MANAGED CARE PLANS IN ILLINOIS

FROM: Dana Popish Severinghaus, Director of Insurance *dps*

DATE: October 4, 2023

RE: Company Bulletin 2023-12 – **UPDATE** to CB 2023-11 Re: Coverage of COVID-19 Vaccines

This Company Bulletin supersedes the Department’s previously issued Company Bulletin 2023-11.

Company Bulletin 2023-12 provides clarification issued by the Secretary of the U.S. Health and Human Services (“HHS”) on September 22, 2023, in the [Letter from HHS Secretary on COVID-19 Vaccine Coverage](#), that the December 2020 guidance on coverage of COVID-19 vaccines still applies to any subsequently approved vaccines, so the 15-day waiting period has already expired.

Issuers were required to begin covering the newly-approved vaccine as soon as authorized by FDA – September 11, 2023, as opposed to the October 3, 2023, date listed within [Company Bulletin 2023-11](#).

For reference:

HHS Letter: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2023/09/22/letter-from-hhs-secretary-covid-19-vaccine-coverage.html>

October 2021 FAQ: <https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Fact-Sheets-and-FAQs/Downloads/FAQs-Part-50.pdf> - PDF

Issuers are expected to review and remediate any and all claim submissions for the recently approved mRNA Covid-19 vaccine that were incorrectly denied to ensure Illinois consumers receive the preventive health care benefits at no cost-sharing they are afforded by law.

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