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**RE: Payment for COVID-19 Vaccine Administration**

***This is a broadly distributed communication, and we recognize it may not apply to your practice or organization.***

Dear Provider,

Thank you for providing services to Kaiser Permanente (KP) members. This notice is part of KP's ongoing communications with providers about ever-changing COVID-19 developments. As you may know, new federal and state declarations, adopted specifically in response to the unprecedented public health emergency caused by COVID-19, authorize patients to obtain COVID-19 vaccines from any source, regardless of health plan coverage. You may have already administered or may in the future administer a COVID-19 vaccine to a KP member.

Providers may bill the applicable KP entity for COVID-19 vaccine administration to KP members with commercial health plan coverage unless another entity has financial responsibility. KP's practice, consistent with federal guidance and health care industry practice during these unprecedented circumstances, is to pay providers at the Medicare allowable amount for COVID-19 vaccine administration, and KP will continue to pay accordingly unless otherwise directed by government officials. For vaccine administration to KP Medicare Advantage members, providers must directly bill Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), per CMS rules. For vaccine administration to KP Medi-Cal managed care members, providers should follow the California Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal billing instructions.

Please circulate this information broadly to stakeholders in your organization, including billing services, if applicable. For ongoing information and updates on COVID-19 vaccine administration and other COVID coverage issues, please visit your KP online provider portal at least every 30 days.

<http://providers.kaiserpermanente.org/scal/>

Sincerely,

Kaiser Permanente