Coverage of COVID-19 Booster Doses of Moderna and Johnson and
Johnson Vaccines

Background:
On October 20, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the emergency
use authorizations (EUAs) for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and the Johnson & Johnson
COVID-19 vaccine use of a booster dose in specific individuals.

Key Details:
The FDA amendments to the EUAs allow for the use of a single booster dose as follows:

· The use of a single booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine that may be
  administered at least 6 months after completion of the primary series to individuals:
    - 65 years of age and older
    - 18 through 64 years of age at high risk of severe COVID-19
    - 18 through 64 years of age with frequent institutional or occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2

· The use of a single booster dose of the Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine
  may be administered at least 2 months after completion of the single-dose primary regimen
  to individuals 18 years of age and older.

· The use of each of the available COVID-19 vaccines as a heterologous (or "mix and match")
  booster dose in eligible individuals following completion of primary vaccination with a
different available COVID-19 vaccine.

Action:
Starting no later than November 15, 2021, MCOs must process pharmacy claims for Moderna
and Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine booster doses as allowed by the amended EUA.
MCOs must allow pharmacies to submit claims with dates of service back to October 20, 2021.

MCOs must direct their pharmacy providers to submit Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and
Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine booster dose claims using the submission
clarification code (SCC) value of "10" ("Meets Plan Limitations"). HHSC will be ready to accept
pharmacy encounters starting October 27, 2021. MCOs must resubmit any Moderna COVID-
19 vaccine or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine booster dose encounter data with this
SCC value with dates of service before October 27, 2021.

HHSC will cover the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine as non-risk. HHSC will continue
to follow the Medicare rate for vaccine administration.

Additional Information:
Beginning October 27, 2021, HHSC will accept Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) pharmacy claims for the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson vaccine booster doses with an effective date of October 20, 2021.