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**TO:** All NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid providers and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) – **For Action**

**SUBJECT:** Clarification of NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid COVID-19 vaccine coverage

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

**PURPOSE:** To clarify the current NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid COVID-19 vaccine coverage policy

**BACKGROUND:** On September 8, 2025, the New Jersey Department of Health (DOH) issued Executive Directive No. 25-004, detailing official recommendations on use of the COVID-19 vaccine during the 2025-26 respiratory illness season. On that same day, DOH also issued Standing Order 2025-02, authorizing pharmacists, pharmacy interns, pharmacy externs and pharmacy technicians to administer COVID-19 vaccines to individuals 3 years of age and older, effective through December 31, 2029.

On September 11, 2025, the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (DOBI) issued Bulletin No. 25-07, providing guidance for health insurance companies and related entities on the coverage of COVID-19 vaccines.

This Newsletter memorializes the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) policies with respect to coverage of the COVID-19 vaccine through the NJ FamilyCare program. These policies are closely aligned with the guidance recently released by DOH and DOBI.

**ACTION:** NJ FamilyCare will continue to cover the COVID-19 vaccine for all members who satisfy the guidelines established by NJ DOH through Executive Directive No. 25-004. In addition, NJ FamilyCare will continue to cover COVID-19 vaccines delivered by a pharmacy without a prescription, using the provider types detailed in the DOH Standing Order 2025-02. In general, NJ FamilyCare coverage of COVID-19 vaccines shall not be dependent upon a prescription or upon the member providing evidence of any underlying condition.

Coverage of the COVID-19 vaccine is available through both the fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems. NJ FamilyCare Managed Care Organizations are required to cover COVID-19 vaccines as recommended by DOH, and are expected to ensure that materials and communications furnished to members accurately reflect this policy.

This policy is effective immediately and will remain in place until further notice. Note that DMAHS considers DOH Executive Directive No. 25-004 as independently establishing the medical necessity of the COVID-19 vaccine for members. As such, this policy is not dependent on the action or recommendations of any other agency or body.

Please contact NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid at (609) 588-2600 with any questions.

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