



# Important Updates Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution & Administration for Clients

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Dear Valued Partner,

We're working diligently to provide clear communication about COVID-19 vaccine administration. CareATC is finalizing registration in many of our states and will begin the process of receiving vaccine allotments to provide for each of our client partners according to each state's distribution/phase process. We want to provide full transparency regarding administrative fees and distribution process so you know what to expect.

## **Administrative Fees**

CareATC will charge a rate of \$23 per dose, which is equivalent to the CMS reimbursable rate. This rate is based on the allowable rate under Medicare, which means that you receive the same effective vaccinations at a more competitive rate than at a retail pharmacy such as CVS, Walgreens, or other community vendor. The administrative fee covers the incremental costs which CareATC has incurred to register each location, monitor and report vaccine inventories on a daily basis, report vaccinations provided to each state immunization registry, as well as the equipment to store and administer the vaccine per CDC and ACIP requirements.

## **Vaccine Distribution**

As CareATC receives communication from each state's governing body about the timing of vaccine allotments, your Program Manager will inform you when registration will open for your covered lives and who is eligible to receive the vaccine according to the jurisdiction's phase. CareATC will utilize an electronic screening and scheduling process to minimize the potential for wasted vaccine doses and ensure each patient is eligible to receive the vaccine based on occupation, health factors and if currently symptomatic for COVID-19.

At each CareATC POD (Point of Distribution) site, we will review each consent and perform COVID screens to ensure it is safe for each individual to receive the vaccine. In some cases, we may need to reschedule an individual if they present with signs and symptoms of COVID-19, as the vaccine is not recommended for those infected with the virus.

### **Vaccine Administration Options**

Each CareATC market will offer vaccination options including in-clinic, drive-up and closed POD events to our employer partners. Clinic PODs will operate several days/shifts per week but will have limitations on the number of vaccines administered per day. As the process requires onsite registration, screening, and observation post-vaccination, we anticipate a limited number of appointments will be available for each vaccination block. Your CareATC Program Manager will work directly with you to determine the best strategy for your population's needs. Please note that Drive-up and Event PODs require additional staffing, PPE, and supplies which are not included in the administrative fee.

### **Pre-Screening and Precautions**

Similar to many states/counties, CareATC will require an electronic pre-screen application for each vaccination candidate. This is to ensure that each candidate meets the eligibility criteria to receive the Moderna vaccine. Each approved candidate will be contacted by CareATC with their report date and time to ensure each POD session runs smoothly. In addition, we will preschedule the individual's second dose, approximately 28-days from the first. Unless otherwise directed by the state or jurisdiction, CareATC will store enough vaccine for a candidate's first and second dose to ensure full vaccination. This may limit our ability to vaccinate larger populations and, in large part, is why the CDC and ACIP have provided prioritization guidelines for each state/county. As more supply becomes readily available, it's anticipated that we will be able to offer the vaccine to a larger percentage of the population. Vaccination clinics will include onsite temp checks, registration, vaccine delivery and patient observation for up to 15 minutes post-vaccination. All vaccinations will be reported to the applicable immunization registry as required by the CDC.

### **Vaccination Event Staffing & Associated Costs**

To administer the Moderna vaccine, a minimum of one physician and three medical assistants will be required. This will allow CareATC to vaccinate up to 40 individuals during a five-hour block in a clinic setting. Depending on your needs, CareATC will be able to administer a significantly higher number of doses through an event-based POD with different staffing arrangements. For example, a physician with six medical assistants would be able to vaccinate twice the amount during the same time frame.

Event core team pricing is approximately \$2,400 per five-hour block and will vary based upon the number of individuals to be vaccinated. A vaccination event core team includes one provider & three medical assistants. Additional expenses, including PPE, supplies, any necessary travel, etc. will be charged as incurred. Clients will be able to reduce costs/ staffing needs by providing volunteer assistance with traffic control, registration, temperature checks, and patient observation. As we receive more information regarding the availability of the vaccine to you, your Program Manager will contact you with next steps.

Sincerely,

Scott Strickland  
CareATC President & Chief Operating Officer

