COVID-19 Vaccine Resources: What Partners Need to Know Now Friday, January 15th

As COVID-19 vaccines begin rolling out across the country, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is taking action to protect the health and safety of our nation’s patients and providers and keeping you updated on the latest COVID-19 resources from HHS, CDC and CMS.

We are compiling resources and materials to help you share important and relevant information on the COVID-19 Vaccine with the people you serve. You can find these and more resources on the CMS COVID-19 Policies & Guidance and the HHS COVID Education Campaign page.

What can you do right now to help promote vaccine safety and encourage Medicare beneficiaries to get vaccinated when they have the opportunity?

1) Shared Goals:

We all want to fight COVID spread and get to a place where the people we serve can get back to normal, to do this we need to continue the 3Ws (Wear, Wait, Wash) and promote vaccinations – especially among those who are hesitant.

2) Share Information with Medicare Beneficiaries:
Once the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available to you:

- **You will need 2 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for it to be effective.** When you receive your first dose, make sure to schedule your second dose.
- **Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine**, so there will be no cost to you.
• State governments are handling the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Look for updates from your state and local officials as more doses of the vaccine become available for additional priority groups.
• Visit CDC.gov for additional trustworthy information on the COVID-19 vaccines.
• For more information on your Medicare coverage, visit Medicare.gov.

3) Encourage Medicare Beneficiaries to get the vaccine:

• The vaccine will help keep you from getting COVID-19. Learn more about the benefits of the vaccine.
• Did you know that COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19? They will also not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests. Learn more facts about COVID-19 vaccines.
• Once it is your turn to get vaccinated, here’s what to expect after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.
• After Vaccination: A couple of things to keep in mind:

• Side effects can be similar to the flu symptoms, but they should go away in a few days.
• Your body will need time to fully develop protection once you’ve been vaccinated, just like any other vaccine.
• Continue to practice the 3Ws even after vaccination. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often.

4) Additional COVID-19 Resources to share broadly:

CDC.gov

• Tell Me More - Vaccine Safety Video
• CDC COVID-19 Vaccines Page
• CDC's tips on How to Protect Yourself and Others
• CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit
• CDC Long-Term Care Facility Toolkit

HHS.gov

• HHS Combat COVID website
• COVID-19 Vaccine Education Effort: Content for Healthcare Providers video series
Medicare.gov

- Medicare & Coronavirus page
- Medicare coverage page on COVID-19 vaccines
- Medicare Coverage page on COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatments
- Medicare fraud page

CMS.gov

- COVID-19 Vaccine Policies & Guidance
- COVID-19 Partner Resources Page

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