Do the CMS staff vaccination requirements apply to my facility?

Are you one of the following Medicare-or Medicaid-certified facilities?

- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- Clinics, Rehabilitation Agencies, and Public Health Agencies as Providers of Outpatient Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology Services
- Community Mental Health Centers
- Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities
- Critical Access Hospitals
- End-Stage Renal Disease Facilities
- Home Health Agencies
- Home Infusion Therapy Suppliers
- Hospices
- Hospitals
- Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Programs for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly Organizations
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities
- Rural Health Clinics / Federally Qualified Health Centers

If the staff vaccination requirements apply, your facility must:

For Phase 1:
- Facilities must have all policies and procedures in place for ensuring staff are fully vaccinated, providing exemptions, and tracking staff vaccinations.
- Staff at all health care facilities included within the regulation must have received, at a minimum, the first dose of a primary series or a single dose COVID-19 vaccine prior to staff providing any care, treatment, or other services for the facility and/or its patients.

For Phase 2:
- Staff must be fully vaccinated (with the exception of those who have been granted exemptions from the COVID-19 vaccine or for those staff for whom the COVID-19 vaccination must be temporarily delayed, as recommended by CDC.

Note: The staff vaccination requirement does not apply to full time telework staff.

How do I know if I’m a certified facility?

- You have gone through the Medicare enrollment process
- Have received a survey by State Survey Agency or CMS approved Accrediting Organization
- Received a National Provider Identifier (NPI) and CMS Certification Number (CCN)
- Can bill Medicare for services
- Medicare pays for services

You can verify whether you are certified via QCOR