COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Health Care Providers and Suppliers

Please note: This requirement is currently enjoined in the following states: AL, AK, AR, AZ, GA, ID, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MS, MO, MT, NE, NH, ND, OH, OK, SC, SD, TX, UT, WV, WY. Medicare- and Medicaid-certified providers and suppliers in those states are not required to comply with the requirements, pending future developments in the litigation.

If you are one of the following Medicare or Medicaid providers or suppliers, the CMS staff vaccination requirement applies to you:

- Ambulatory Surgery 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 (PACE)
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs)
- Rural Health Clinics/Federally Qualified Health Centers

How do I meet this requirement?

You must have a process in place for your staff to receive:

1st Dose or One-Dose Vaccine by January 27, 2022

Full Vaccination by February 28, 2022

How is this requirement enforced?

Onsite Survey Reviews for:

- Plan for vaccinating all eligible staff to meet thresholds listed above
- Plan to provide accommodations to those who are exempt
- Plan for tracking and documenting staff vaccinations
- Facility is out of compliance and subject to citations if the above is not met

Facility Citations Based on severity of deficiency

Opportunity to come into compliance

If facility does not return to compliance, it is at risk for additional enforcement actions, including losing Medicare or Medicaid payment.