



Federal Retail Pharmacy Program Updates

24-hour reporting request

The CDC is asking pharmacy partners to **improve reporting to within 24 hours for the week approaching July 4**. More timely reporting of vaccine administration will allow the White House to rapidly track the nation's progress in the Month of Action "to get as many U.S. adults as possible at least one shot by July 4." This data is being analyzed and it has been very useful in sharing the overall value that independent pharmacy is playing in the vaccination efforts so please help us (and the CDC) continue to tell that story.

VaccineFinder reporting reminder

Any Eligible Pharmacy location receiving COVID-19 Vaccine must report supply levels at least daily using the online web platform VaccineFinder. Even if you don't administer any doses on a given day, you must still report your inventory to VaccineFinder. If you don't have any inventory, report your current inventory as zero. You must report your current physical inventory on hand daily, even if your remaining doses on hand are scheduled to be administered in the future. This reporting requirement is also included in the quarterly attestation and pharmacies will need to attest to their completion of this requirement.

Helpful reminders from the CDC

- **Return cooler boxes (please ensure boxes are completely empty)**
- **Continue to manage inventory** (order what you will use knowing there will always be a bit of wastage for walk-ins)
- **Continue to turn claims around quickly** (billing) so administration data can be calculated in a timely manner
- Pharmacies shouldn't be donating internationally

Medicare home vaccination reimbursement update

NCPA, June 9, 2021

Medicare has added an additional payment of \$35 for administering the COVID-19 vaccine in homes for Medicare patients who have a difficult time leaving their homes or

are hard to reach. That means Medicare will pay \$35 in addition to the standard administration amount (approximately \$40 per dose), for a total payment of approximately \$75 for a single-dose vaccine or \$150 for both doses of a two-dose vaccine when administered in the home. CMS will geographically adjust the additional amount and administration rate based on where the vaccine is administered. This is a key announcement for independent pharmacies because it's mostly independents who are visiting homes. Since the beginning of the pandemic, NCPA has pushed for pharmacists who travel from their pharmacy to meet patient needs be compensated accordingly. More information regarding the COVID-19 vaccination administration in beneficiaries' homes can be found [here](#).

Vaccine hesitancy resources from APhA

Help your teams with vaccine confidence – APhA's [Vaccine Confident](#) website features:

- Information about the [drivers for vaccine confidence](#)
- Information for pharmacists and patients about [how the drugs were developed](#), and [how they work](#)
- [Resources to build vaccine confidence in your patients and others](#)
- Webinars and other education activities
- [Video testimonials of pharmacists at their practice sites](#), talking about how they discuss vaccine concerns with their patients
- [Pharmacist success stories](#)

Find timely, concise information in APhA's [growing library of practice resources](#).

Statement from HHS regarding benefits of vaccination

[Read the statement](#) following CDC ACIP Meeting from nation's leading doctors, nurses and public health leaders on benefits of vaccination.

Questions?

Questions can be sent to COVIDvaccines@AmerisourceBergen.com.

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