302 – COST SETTLEMENT FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE OF 2019 VACCINE

EFFECTIVE DATES: 10/01/21, 03/01/22, 10/01/22
APPROVAL DATES: 08/03/21, 01/24/22, 05/12/22

I. PURPOSE

This Policy applies to ACC, ACC-RBHA, ALTCS E/PD, DCS/CHP (CHP), DES/DDD (DDD), and RBHA Contractors. This Policy establishes requirements for cost settlement for Coronavirus Disease of 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine costs and Vaccine Administration Costs for October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2023 (Contract Year Ending [CYE] 22 and CYE 23 only). The Contractor is not contractually at risk for the cost of the vaccine or the Vaccine Administration Costs during CYE 22 and CYE 23. The anticipated costs have not been included in the CYE 22 or CYE 23 capitation rates; therefore, the Contractor will be provided payment via cost settlement as delineated in this Policy.

II. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Policy:

PREMIUM TAX: The tax imposed pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2905 and A.R.S. § 36-2944.01 for all payments made to the Contractor for the Contract year.

VACCINE ADMINISTRATION COST: The cost of administering the vaccine. This is the cost of administering the COVID-19 vaccine using the CMS 1500 medical form, in the 837P format or through the point-of-sale (POS) system. The COVID-19 vaccines are provided at no charge from the Federal government at the time of publication.

Additional definitions are located on the AHCCCS website at: AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary.

III. POLICY

A. GENERAL

This cost settlement shall relate solely to COVID-19 vaccine cost, if not provided by the Federal government at no charge, and Vaccine Administration Costs made by the Contractor for Title XIX and Title XXI members using the following list of approved Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes. State only members shall not be included in this reconciliation.
The following National Drug Codes (NDC) will be used for all vaccines provided in a Pharmacy by a pharmacist (Provider Type 03):

- **59267100001** Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Vial
- **59267100002** Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Carton
- **59267100003** Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Diluent
- **59267102501** Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Vial – Tris-Sucrose
- **59267105501** Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine -Tris-Sucrose
- **59267007801** Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccine -Tris-Sucrose
- **59267007804** Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccine -Tris-Sucrose
- **80777027310** Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Vial
- **80777027399** Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Carton
- **59676058005** Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

*Only to be included if granted full or emergency use approval by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).*
B. AHCCCS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. AHCCCS/Division of Health Care Management (DHCM) shall pull fully adjudicated and approved encounters with only the CPT codes listed above. These pulls shall be made for CYE 22 in March 2022, September 2022, and a final pull and settlement in September 2023. For CYE 23 these pulls will be made in March 2023, September 2023, and September 2024. The cost settlement shall be conducted and payments, including Premium Tax, shall be made after each data pull. The cost settlement shall be conducted multiple times to identify and settle any vaccine costs and Vaccine Administration Costs not previously settled. All COVID-19 encounters adjudicated and approved after the September 2023 and September 2024 data pull, shall not be cost settled and shall not be included in any reconciliations or other cost settlements.

2. AHCCCS shall provide the Contractor the data used for the cost settlement and provide written notice of the deadlines for review and comment by the Contractor. Upon completion of the review period, AHCCCS shall evaluate Contractor comments and make any adjustments to the data as warranted. AHCCCS shall then process a payment based on the total amount paid for COVID-19 vaccinations less the previous payments made including premium tax. Refer to Attachment A for an example cost settlement.

3. AHCCCS shall reimburse the Contractor the lesser of the amount paid by the Contractor to the provider, or the Fee-For-Services (FFS) rates for the vaccine cost and Vaccine Administration Costs. All cost settlements to the Contractor shall include premium tax.

C. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Contractor shall submit encounters for COVID-19 vaccine costs and Vaccine Administration Costs and those encounters shall reach fully adjudicated and approved status by the date required by AHCCCS. AHCCCS shall only utilize fully adjudicated and approved encounters reported by the Contractor to determine the cost settlement.

2. The Contractor shall maintain financial statements that separately identify COVID-19 cost settlements as required by Contract and in the format specified in the AHCCCS Financial Reporting Guide.