Provider Notification

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Access to COVID-19 Vaccine Data for Parts C & D Enrollees

For Calendar Years 2020 and 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will process all claims for payment for COVID-19 vaccine (COVAX) administration for the majority of Medicare beneficiaries through the original fee-for-service Medicare program. In the Access to COVID-19 Vaccine Data for Parts C & D Enrollees memo, CMS provides instruction on how to request certain data for enrollees.

The data CMS is making available will be offered via two paths:

1. A new ABII-COVAX Web Portal (ABII-COVAX) to be hosted by CMS contractor Acumen, LLC (Acumen), and
2. Through CMS' contractor, RelayHealth, which will send National Council for Prescription Drug Plans (NCPDP) B transactions for certain data concerning COVAX claims to all plans that are able to accept NCPDP claims

CMS notes that plans will need to attest that they are requesting the minimum necessary data for their health care operations to receive the requested data.

The implementation of the COVAX data request and sharing will be in phases:

Phase 1: CMS contractor, Acumen, LLC (Acumen), will launch an ABII-COVAX Web Portal (ABII-COVAX), which will allow plans to request and receive certain COVAX data for their enrollees. Effective immediately, Humana can submit requests for certain data from CMS via the ABII-COVAX Web Portal.

Phase 2: The COVAX claims will be routed to RelayHealth for payment. RelayHealth will begin sending NCPDP B transactions directly to Humana, once we have both requested that data be provided and have the ability to process the transaction. By April 15, 2021, RelayHealth will send certain COVAX data directly to Humana as NCPDP B transactions.

Future Initiatives

CMS may explore developing an application programming interface (API) approach for requesting and sharing certain COVAX data at a future date.

See the full memo for complete details.

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