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Dear WellFirst Health Provider:

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to providing high-quality care to our members during this public health emergency.

This COVID-19 provider notification contains information regarding:

- The Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine.
- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code U0005.

Information in this notification applies to the following WellFirst Health products: ACA Individual, Medicare Advantage, and SSM Health Employee Health Plan Administrative Services Only (ASO) in Illinois, Missouri, and Oklahoma.

**Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine**

On February 27, 2021, the Food and Drug Administration issued emergency use authorization for the single-dose Janssen COVID-19 vaccine to Janssen Pharmaceutical Company, a division of Johnson & Johnson.

WellFirst Health’s coverage of the Janssen vaccine is as follows:

- WellFirst Health covers vaccine administration without member cost share when rendered by either an in-network or out-of-network provider during the public health emergency.
- Prior authorization is **not** required for vaccine administration.
- Claims for the **vaccine product** itself should **not** be sent to WellFirst Health.
- Claims for the **vaccine administration** should be sent to WellFirst Health, except for most Medicare Advantage claims as detailed in the “Medicare Advantage” section below.

**Medicare Advantage**

Providers must submit Medicare Advantage claims for the Janssen vaccine *and* administration directly to CMS. The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes in the grid below are for the Janssen vaccine product and administration.

CPT Vaccine Product		CPT Vaccine Administration		NDC 10/NDC 11 (Vial)
91303	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (COVID-19) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, adenovirus type 26 (Ad26) vector, preservative free, 5x10 <sup>10</sup> viral particles/0.5 mL dosage, for intramuscular use	0031A	Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) vaccine, DNA, spike protein, Ad26 vector, preservative free, 5x10 <sup>10</sup> viral particles/0.5 mL dosage, single dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 59676-580-05</li> <li>• 59676-0580-05</li> </ul>

The exception is for claims for Medicare Cost plans which must be submitted to the Health Plan

for vaccine administration. Medicare enrolled beneficiaries are not responsible for copayment, coinsurance, or deductible for COVID-19 vaccines.

Providers can verify which Medicare plan a member is enrolled in through any of the following ways:

- The 270/271 Eligibility and Benefit Inquiry and Response transaction.
- The Eligibility application in the WellFirst Health Provider Portal accessible from the Account Login page at [wellfirstbenefits.com/Account-Login](https://wellfirstbenefits.com/Account-Login).
- Customer Care Center using the telephone number listed on the back of the Member ID card.

**Add-On HCPCS Code U0005**

Effective January 1, 2021, add-on HCPCS code U0005 may be used in addition to HCPCS codes U0003 and U0004 when high throughput technologies are used to complete testing within two calendar days from the date of specimen collection. When testing is not completed within two calendar days, codes U0003 and U0004 should be reported without U0005. Please see the grid below.

Codes	Use
U0003	Use U0003 or U0004 when testing is not completed within 2 days
U0004	
U0003 & U0005	Use U0005 in addition to U0003 or U0004 when testing is completed within 2 days
U0004 & U0005	

Reimbursement for HCPCS U0003 and U0004 has been reduced to accommodate the add-on of code U0005.

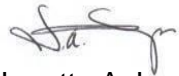
**Additional Health Plan Information**

For additional Health Plan information and previous provider communications, refer to our [COVID-19 provider information web page](#) link located at the top of all [wellfirstbenefits.com](https://wellfirstbenefits.com) web pages. Providers are encouraged to check our website regularly for new and updated information.

Please contact a WellFirst Health Provider Network Consultant at 314-994-6262 or [ProviderRelations@wellfirstbenefits.com](mailto:ProviderRelations@wellfirstbenefits.com).

Thank you again for your commitment to our members.

Sincerely,



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