

# BCBSAZ covers expanded range of COVID-19 vaccine boosters

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To help increase protection against severe disease and complications from COVID-19, the FDA has amended the emergency use authorizations to expand the eligibility for vaccine booster doses. Below is a compiled list of the eligible populations and recommended time frames for the authorized boosters and the third mRNA dose, based on the CDC's recent guidance.

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**BCBSAZ covers *all* authorized COVID-19 vaccines and boosters**

<b>General population eligible for booster</b>	<b>Johnson &amp; Johnson</b>	
All those who received the Johnson & Johnson initial vaccine dose	18 years or older	
<i>Recommended time frame for above population: Booster (any authorized brand) at least 2 months after initial dose</i>		
<b>General population eligible for booster</b>	<b>Pfizer and Moderna</b>	
All those who received the Pfizer or Moderna primary vaccine series	18 years or older	
<i>Recommended time frame for above population: Booster (any authorized brand) at least 6 months after primary series</i>		
<b>High-risk population eligible for third mRNA dose</b>	<b>Pfizer</b>	<b>Moderna</b>
Immunocompromised who received the Pfizer or Moderna primary vaccine series	12 years or older	18 years or older
<i>Recommended time frame for above population: Third mRNA dose (either Pfizer or Moderna) 28 days after mRNA primary series</i>		

## Coverage, cost share, reimbursement, and billing

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Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) member cost share, provider reimbursement, and billing requirements for the authorized administration of a booster or third mRNA dose (as indicated above) will follow the same general guidelines currently in place for COVID-19 vaccines. Please refer to our [December 15, 2020, provider notice](#). We are updating our system to accommodate coverage and reimbursement for the recent FDA emergency use authorizations.

Reminder: We add new codes into our claim system *after* the official announcement has been made by AMA or CMS. Claims submitted before or during the four- to six-week implementation period may be rejected or pended until the implementation is complete.

If you have questions, please contact your [provider liaison](#) or call Provider Partnerships at 602-864-4231 or 1-800-232-2345, ext. 4231.

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