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## Broker Bulletin

GHP Commercial Group and Individual

### Schedule your COVID-19 booster shot

Don't wait — if you meet the criteria below, schedule your appointment today.

Booster timing is based on vaccine manufacturer and your age:

- **Pfizer:** Age 12+ and **5 months** (previously 6 months) after your second dose
- **Moderna:** Age 18+ and **5 months** (previously 6 months) after your second dose
- **Johnson & Johnson:** Age 18+ and **2 months** after your single dose

Of the 336 COVID+ patients currently admitted to our hospitals, 96% are either not fully vaccinated (282 patients) or had their last vaccination more than 180 days ago (39 patients).

[Schedule your COVID-19 booster shot](#)

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### Reporting updates for commercial groups

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As service to our Geisinger level-funded product groups (GFA) in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Geisinger submits the 1094-B and 1095-B.

As required by the IRS, self-insured employers that are applicable large employers (ALEs) must use Form 1095-C and the transmittal Form 1094-C to meet their reporting requirements.

It's the group's responsibility to determine if they meet the IRS definition of an ALE and submit the required 1094-C and 1095-C forms.

**Reminder:** We do not assist fully-insured clients with 1095 reporting.

Curious about what documents are required for different group types? Here's a handy chart:

Coverage type	Size	Reporting entity	Forms
Fully insured	Individual commercial (not via FFM, CHIP, Medicaid or Medicare)	Geisinger	1094-B (all parts)
	Small group	Geisinger	1095-B (Parts I, II, III, IV)
	Applicable large group employer (50+ FTEs)	Employers	1094-C (Parts I, II, III, IV) 1095-C (Parts I, II)
Self-insured	Small group	Plan sponsor	1094-B (all parts) 1095-B (Parts I, III, IV)
	Applicable large group employer (50+ FTEs)		1094-C (Parts I, II, III, IV) 1095-C (Parts I, II, III)
Geisinger level-funded product	Small group	Geisinger	1094-B (all parts) 1095-B (Parts I, II, III, IV)
	Applicable large group employer (50+ FTEs)	Plan sponsor	1094-C (Parts I, II, III, IV) 1095-C (Parts I, II, III)

Our deadline to submit forms for Pennsylvania and New Jersey is Monday, Jan. 31, and we're on target to meet it. If anything delays us, we'll notify our groups and brokers.

Have questions? Contact your GHP account executive.

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## Healthy Reimbursement Program for ACA groups

New ACA groups are eligible for the Healthy Reimbursements Program in 2022, which was previously exclusive to Large Group and GFA plans.

Keep an eye out for more details and a link in the new welcome email to come!

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# Insurance reimbursement for at-home COVID test kits

Members of commercial health plans, including fully-insured groups and ASO and ACA members, can now purchase over-the-counter COVID-19 tests and seek reimbursement from their health insurance plan. There is a limit of eight tests per member every 30 days and these tests can be acquired from different sources.

Members can seek reimbursement without a prescription, **effective Saturday, Jan. 15**. This is available through the end of the public health emergency, which has been extended another 90 days, effective Jan. 16.

ASO clients without prescription coverage through Geisinger Health Plan may choose to have their own PBM administer this. If an ASO client elects to have us administer, the claims will be processed through their medical benefits.

Currently, Medicare members are not eligible for reimbursement.

## For updates, visit:

- [Coronavirus FAQs](#)
- [Coronavirus coverage updates for members](#)
- [Coronavirus information for providers](#)
- [Coronavirus updates for businesses](#)

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## Just for you:

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### brokerHUBs:

- [Commercial brokerHUB](#)
- [GHP broker benefit documents](#)
- [Individual brokerHUB](#)
- [Geisinger Gold brokerHUB](#)
- [EmployerHUB](#)

### COVID-19 info:

[Geisinger.org/coronavirus](#) is full of the most up-to-date information about the latest on COVID-19 including vaccine FAQs, our safety checklist, community resources and much more.

Want the latest updates sent right to your inbox? [Fill out this form.](#)

## Fast facts:

- The Supreme Court issued two rulings yesterday – [one](#) against OSHA’s vaccine mandate for large employers, and [another](#) upholding CMS’ vaccine mandate for healthcare workers employed by providers that accept Medicare and Medicaid payments.
- Earlier this week, the Department of Labor issued [FAQs](#) establishing new requirements for health plans to pay for over-the-counter COVID-19 tests as preventive care. The new guidance, which applies to both fully-insured and self-funded health plans, will go into effect for tests purchased on or after Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022.
- The Biden administration recently announced new [out-of-pocket limits](#) that will apply to group and individual health plans during the 2023 plan year.
- As a result of the continued consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, HHS [announced](#) that the government will extend the public health emergency another 90 days.
- According to Mercer’s [2021 National Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Plans](#), the average cost of employer-sponsored health insurance per employee increased by 6.3% in the past year — the highest annual increase in over a decade.
- Open enrollment for coverage starting on Jan. 1, 2022, ended on Dec. 15, 2021. But **Tuesday, Jan. 18**, is the deadline to buy coverage that would start on Feb. 1. While the official statistics for the OEP overall will not be available for several weeks, CMS reported that, as of Jan. 8, a record 14.1 million Americans have signed up for health coverage for 2022 through the marketplace.

*This week’s fast facts are brought to you by the National Association of Healthcare Underwriters.*

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