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COVID-19 Vaccine Update: FDA Authorizes Emergency Use of Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted

In the continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Louisiana Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) Pharmacy Program and managed care organizations (MCO) are covering the Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted, which has been given Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted is administered as a two-dose primary series, three weeks apart.

Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine, Adjuvanted contains the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein and Matrix-M adjuvant. Adjuvants are included in some vaccines to enhance the immune response of the vaccinated individual.

The federal government covers the cost of the COVID-19 vaccine. Therefore, Louisiana Medicaid will reimburse enrolled pharmacies for the ***administration fee only.*** Coverage for the Pfizer, Janssen (Johnson & Johnson), and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines will continue.