

Subject: News & Updates from LCBDD - CMS & OSHA Vaccine rules released

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Good afternoon. Sending along newly-released info. We will share more on the vaccine rules as we learn more. Please let me know what questions you have.

Thanks,
David

CMS & OSHA Vaccine Mandate rules released

The rules re: Federal vaccine mandates were released today. Employees who fall under the mandates are required to be fully vaccinated by 1/4/22 under both rules. So far it sounds like employers under the OSHA rule will not be required to pay for COVID testing for unvaccinated staff., and unvaccinated staff may need to wear a mask by 12/5/21.

We will share additional details as we learn them.

You can read more about the OSHA Mandate [here](#). OSHA has also created a short webinar on the ETS you can watch [here](#).

You can read more about the CMS Mandate [here](#). CMS FAQs-
<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-omnibus-staff-vax-requirements-2021.pdf>

MSS Rate Automation New PAWS Enrollment Emails

In preparation for the Jan. 1, 2022 increases in service rates, DODD will be updating Payment Authorization of Waiver Services (PAWS) plans and Cost Projection Tool (CPT) sites on the following dates:

- Nov. 12-14, 2021
- Nov. 19-21, 2021
- Dec. 3-5, 2021

After each PAWS update, an email is generated to the providers listed on that PAWS plan. During the time frames noted, you will receive an email stating a new PAWS plan has been enrolled for any individuals you serve.