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## OVERVIEW:

Out of an abundance of caution, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is **placing a temporary pause on all administration of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine** while federal health agencies investigate whether six reported cases of blood clotting were caused by the vaccine in other states. Providers in the state of Louisiana will continue to use the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, and all Louisianians are encouraged to take advantage of the available vaccines to slow the spread of COVID-19.

In light of this temporary pause, **payment is suspended for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine effective 4/14/2021.**

All providers are encouraged to read the Louisiana Department of Health's press release at <https://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/newsroom/detail/6113>.

Please note that providers may see reimbursement impacted if not aligned to the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid services manual within 30 days of the date of this reminder notification.

## Questions and Support:

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