Medicare Coverage of COVID-19: Updated Fact Sheets for the Public and the Aging Network

Do you want updated, consumer-friendly handouts about the COVID-19 vaccine or booster recommendations, COVID-19 testing availability, or Medicare coverage during a public health emergency? The SHIP National Technical Assistance Center (www.shiphelp.org) maintains fact sheets about these issues.

Depending upon their individual scope, these fact sheets have been updated to explain the following:

- COVID-19 boosters are now recommended for people aged 12 and older
- How Original Medicare covers COVID-19 tests, but it does not cover at-home tests
- Ways people with Original Medicare can access free at-home COVID-19 tests

Here are the documents that have been updated, with links to access them:

- COVID-19 Vaccines for People with Medicare: https://www.shiphelp.org/covid-19

 Currently available in English and Spanish
- 2. Medicare Coverage of COVID-19: <u>https://www.shiphelp.org/covid-19</u>

• Currently available in English, with translations into other languages pending

- 3. Talking about Medicare Coverage of the COVID-19 Vaccine (a counseling companion guide): https://www.shiphelp.org/covid-19/toolkit
 - The COVID-19 booster shot FAQ was updated
 - A Spanish version with the updated FAQ is pending

If you have questions about Medicare coverage of COVID-19, you can contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). To find your SHIP, use the online <u>SHIP Locator</u>, call 877-839-2675, or email info@shiphelp.org.

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