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**ACL 21-03** 

Date: March 12, 2021

To: Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) / Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)

Center Administrators and Program Directors

From: California Department of Aging (CDA) CBAS Branch

Subject: COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility for Persons with High-Risk Medical Conditions

or Disabilities

## **Purpose**

This All Center Letter (ACL) is to notify ADHC / CBAS providers that <u>all ADHC / CBAS</u> participants ages 18 to 64 are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine as of March 15, 2021, because of their high-risk medical conditions and/or developmental or other significant high-risk disabilities which places them at high-risk for death and severe complications from COVID-19, per the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Provider Bulletin.

For more information, you can refer to <u>COVID19.CA.Gov/vaccines</u> or the CDPH Fact Sheet <u>Vaccines for People with High-Risk Medical Conditions or Disabilities</u>, issued on March 11, 2021, for more details about these high-risk medical conditions, and developmental or other high-risk disabilities.

## What does the ADHC / CBAS Provider Need to Do?

Providers are to identify and notify their participants ages 18 to 64 of their vaccination eligibility effective March 15, 2021. CDA requests that ADHC / CBAS providers assist their center's eligible participants, if needed, in making vaccination appointments and with whatever else their participants may need to get their vaccinations.

The CDPH Fact Sheet indicates ways eligible participants may be able to find an appointment after March 15<sup>th</sup>, how to get a vaccination at home if unable to travel to a vaccine site, and options for transportation to a vaccine site. <u>Note</u>: Vaccine supply remains limited nationwide. Therefore, unfortunately, vaccine eligibility does not guarantee immediate access to a vaccination.

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## What does the ADHC / CBAS Participant Need to Do?

Eligible participants will be asked to state that they have a high-risk medical condition or disability, either when making the appointment or registering for notification of future available appointments as supply increases, and to sign a self-attestation at the vaccination site that they meet the criteria for high-risk medical conditions or disabilities.

CDA requests that ADHC / CBAS providers inform and prepare your center's eligible participants and their family/caregivers about these questions and self-attestation.

## **Questions**

Please contact the CBAS branch if you have any questions: (916) 419-7545; <a href="mailto:cbascda@aging.ca.gov">cbascda@aging.ca.gov</a>.