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President and Chief Executive Officer
Alliance for Aging Research

Bob Blancato
Executive Director
National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs

Sally Greenberg
Chief Executive Officer
National Consumers League

RE: Vaccine Coverage

Dear Mr. Blancato, Ms. Greenberg, and Ms. Peschin,

Thank you for your letter regarding access to CDC-recommended vaccines.

Elevance Health is a lifetime, trusted health partner whose purpose is to improve the health of humanity. The company supports consumers, families, and communities across the entire healthcare journey – connecting them to the care, support, and resources for their whole health needs. Elevance Health’s companies serve approximately 115 million consumers through a diverse portfolio of industry-leading medical, pharmacy, behavioral, clinical, and complex care solutions.

At Elevance Health, we understand the importance of ensuring access to preventative care, including vaccines, for the consumers we serve, including those in Medicare Standalone Part D (PPD) and Medicare Advantage Part D (MA-PD) programs.

We have a broad national network of more than 65,000 pharmacies that are contracted to provide vaccinations at \$0 cost share for the consumers we serve. This extensive network plays a vital role in supporting the healthcare needs of beneficiaries across the life course.

We cover all adult vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) under both our Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage Part D plans. We cover all adult vaccines and boosters at zero cost sharing, including both Tdap and the newly recommended RSV vaccines.

As of August 2022, we increased our administration fees paid to pharmacies across all plan types and for all vaccines. In addition to the administration fee, pharmacies can retain the difference between their cost for the vaccine and what we reimburse for the vaccine.

Pharmacies are an important partner in healthcare across the country, and we understand people may depend on their pharmacist for more than just filling prescriptions. In 2021, our Pharmacy Benefit Manager, CarelonRx, launched a partnership with Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Networks (CPESN), a clinically integrated performance-based network of

independent community pharmacies, to create a value-based care arrangement to support enhanced services for individuals at higher risk of poor health outcomes.

Thank you again for your outreach and continued partnership. Please reach out to Max Isaacoff, Director of External Affairs at Maxwell.Isaacoff@ElevanceHealth.com, or at 202-809-1396, for any follow-up questions.

Sincerely,

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