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Dear S.C. COVID-19 Vaccine Provider:

Effective today, Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) amended the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to allow for administration of booster doses for anyone 16 years of age or older, and CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky signed off on this amendment.

**Pfizer-BioNTech**

A single booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered at least 6 months after completion of the primary series to individuals ages 16 and older.

**Booster Dosage:**

The booster dose is the same dosage as the initial Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine series for these individuals.

**Additional Notes**

**Implementation Considerations:**

Eligibility should be based on self-attestation.

**Storage and Handling:**

Please continue to follow all current guidelines for the storage and administration of these vaccines.

**Scheduling System Readiness:**

Please ensure your scheduling system is compatible with and able to record third COVID-19 doses for immunocompromised individuals, as well as booster doses.
Immunization Registry:

Booster doses must be recorded in the SC immunization registry, SIMON, just as all doses must.

Questions:

Please send any questions to COVIDVaccines@dhec.sc.gov.