

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Pool Coverage Changes



*The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency is ending May 11, 2023.
This will result in a few changes to your coverage with your Pool benefit plan.*

What's changing:

- COVID-19 diagnostic testing administered by a health care provider, a testing facility or a lab will be subject to the member normal copay and/or deductible. This includes appropriate charges if a member goes to an out of network provider. Previously, these tests were covered at 100% both in and out of network. Once the emergency ends, non-participating providers will be permitted to charge members up to the full cost of the lab test.
- Coverage for over-the counter tests will no longer be required or available under the plan.
- Out-of-network coverage for COVID-19 vaccination will not be covered.

What's not changing:

- In-network coverage for COVID-19 vaccination will continue to be covered for adults and children at 100%, under the ACA preventative benefits.
- Treatment for COVID-19 will be covered and subject to normal cost share (copays, deductibles and/or coinsurance) as they are today. Some treatment drugs will transition to coverage by the health plan instead of being government paid once the government purchased supplies are depleted.

Questions?

Please reach out to HR or your carrier's customer service unit-

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