

## EMPLOYER NEWS

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**April 3, 2020**

### **COVID-19 Update:**

- **Virus/antigen detection and antibody testing**
  - **COVID-19 testing-related visits**
  - **COVID-19 treatment**
  - **Telehealth visits**
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- **Virus/antigen detection and antibody testing:** Health Plan of Nevada strongly supports the need for reliable testing and encourages health care providers to use reliable [FDA-authorized tests](#). A virus/antigen detection (diagnostic) test determines if a person is currently infected with COVID-19. An antibody (serology) test may determine if a person has been exposed to COVID-19, and according to the FDA, this test should not be used to diagnose a current infection. During the national public health emergency period, currently scheduled to end Jan. 20, 2021, we will have \$0 cost-share (copayment, coinsurance or deductible) for medically appropriate COVID-19 testing when ordered by a physician or health care professional for purposes of diagnosis or treatment. This coverage applies to in-network and out-of-network tests. Tests must be FDA-authorized to be covered without cost-sharing. FDA-authorized tests include tests approved for patient use through pre-market approval or emergency use pathways, as well as tests that are developed and administered in accordance with FDA specifications or through state regulatory approval. Benefits will be processed according to the health benefit plan, and health benefit plans generally do not cover testing for surveillance, employment or public health purposes. We continue to monitor regulatory developments during emergency periods.
  - **COVID-19 testing-related visits:** Member pays \$0 cost-share (copay, coinsurance or deductible) for COVID-19 testing-related visits during the national public health emergency period, scheduled to end Jan. 20, 2021, whether the testing-related visit is in-person or a [telehealth visit](#). This coverage applies to in-network and out-of-network tests.
  - **COVID-19 treatment:** Health Plan of Nevada is extending cost-share waivers for our health plans. Member pays \$0 cost-share (copay, coinsurance and deductible) for network visits, including a telehealth visit, for COVID-19 treatment through Dec. 31, 2020. Out-of-network cost-share waivers ended Oct. 22, 2020. After that date, coverage for out-of-network services is determined by the benefit plan.
  - **Telehealth visits:** Health Plan of Nevada will expand access to telehealth services for in-network providers through Dec. 31, 2020, as noted below:
    - **Coverage for COVID-19 testing-related telehealth visits:** For COVID-19 testing-related telehealth visits, Member pays \$0 cost-share with network and out-of-network

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- **Coverage for COVID-19 treatment via telehealth visits:** For COVID-19 treatment via telehealth visits, Member pays \$0 cost-share with network providers through Dec. 31, 2020. Out-of-network cost-share waivers ended Oct. 22, 2020.
- **Coverage for telehealth visits not related to COVID-19:** Member is responsible for any copay, coinsurance or deductible according to the benefit plan.
- **Prescription Refill Options**
  - Members who need an early prescription refill may request one through their pharmacy through July 31, 2020.



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