

COVID-19 Benefits

What's Changing with the End of the Public Health Emergency and National Emergency

Two health emergencies, declared in response to COVID-19, will end. The National Emergency ended on April 10, 2023. The last day of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) will be May 11, 2023. Many COVID-19-related benefits extended temporarily during these emergency periods will end and coverage for COVID-19 tests, vaccines and treatment will change.

Testing



Over-the-counter test kits no longer covered

Office, emergency room, urgent care, and telehealth visits for testing, as well as the COVID-19 test performed during that visit, continue to be covered, but are subject to member cost sharing**

Vaccines



Vaccines continue to be covered with no member cost sharing for plans that follow the Affordable Care Act (ACA)*

Vaccines received from an out-of-network provider are subject to out-of-network charges - members with no out-of-network coverage will be responsible for the full cost of the service

Treatment



Treatment will be covered as medically necessary and subject to member cost sharing**

Questions

If you have additional questions about changes to coverage for benefits extended during the COVID-19 emergencies, please call the Customer Care number on your ID card.

*Does not apply to grandfathered plans. Please check with your employer to see if your plan is grandfathered.

**This assumes that Ohio Department of Insurance Bulletin 2020-5 will be rescinded effective the same time that the national emergency periods end.