

Billing changes coming for COVID-19 treatment products

Since the development of the COVID-19 treatment products, the U.S. government has provided these products at no cost to health care providers. Because of this, providers submitted claims to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan or Blue Care Network only for the administration of the products.

As the remaining federal supply runs out, these products are transitioning to the commercial marketplace. After a product transitions, providers will need to purchase it and submit a claim to Blue Cross and BCN for both the product and the administration of the product.

Products already transitioned to commercial marketplace

In August, a monoclonal antibody treatment drug, bebtelovimab, was successfully transitioned to the commercial marketplace. For Blue Cross commercial and BCN commercial members, out-of-pocket costs may apply for this treatment.

Note: For Medicare Advantage members, we're waiving all out-of-pocket costs for monoclonal antibody products and administration until the end of the year, at which time the public health emergency ends, according to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services requirements. Read the Dec. 17, 2021, [provider alert](#) for information about billing Medicare Advantage plans for monoclonal antibody products and administration.

Expected time frame for additional products to transition to commercial marketplace

According to the [Administration for Strategic Preparedness & Response*](#), following is the expected time frame for these products to transition to the commercial marketplace:

- Evusheld, pre-exposure prophylaxis — early 2023
- Lagevrio, oral antiviral — first quarter 2023
- Paxlovid, oral antiviral — mid-2023

Additional information

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, treatment, billing, etc., refer to our Coronavirus webpage. To access this page, log in to our provider portal ([availability.com](#)***) and follow these steps:

1. Click on *Payer Spaces* in the menu bar and then click on the BCBSM and BCN logo.

2. Click on the *Resources* tab.
3. Click on the *Secure Provider Resources (Blue Cross and BCN)* link.
4. Click on the Coronavirus information link under Easy Access.

You can also view these documents on our [public coronavirus webpage](#).

Note: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is assisting providers who treat uninsured or underinsured patients with commercially purchased bebtelovimab by offering to replace the dose for free. HHS expects the supply for this [initiative](#)* to last through September 2023.

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