

## Update on two groups extending COVID-19 cost share waivers

Effective July 1, 2020, the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System, or MPERS, and State of Michigan Blue Cross retiree groups are extending member cost share waivers for COVID-19 treatments. The cost share waivers that were in place through June 30, 2020, are now effective until Sept. 30, 2020. This includes telehealth for medical and behavioral health services, primary care and behavioral health office visits, as well as in-office diagnostic X-ray and labs. These groups will continue to cover COVID-19 related services such as physician / hospital evaluation and test administration, and lab tests, as mandated by the government.

As we previously announced, some other self-funded commercial groups are continuing to waive member cost share for telehealth for dates of service March 16 through Dec. 31, 2020.

Providers are encouraged to submit claims to Blue Cross and BCN and wait for the voucher before charging member cost share, if applicable.

See the *Telehealth procedure codes for COVID-19* document for more information on these services.