

## The temporary waiving of member cost share for COVID-19 treatment ends Sept. 30

We're ending the temporary waiver of member cost share for COVID-19 treatment Sept. 30.

We'll still pay for medically necessary treatment, but for dates of service Oct. 1 and after, COVID-19 treatment will be subject to member cost sharing. This change applies to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Blue Care Network, Medicare Plus Blue<sup>SM</sup>, BCN Advantage<sup>SM</sup> and Medigap plans. We started waiving the cost-share for COVID-19 services in 2020, and we're one of the last health plans to return to our normal cost share practices for these services.

Refer to the articles in *The Record* and *BCN Provider News* for more information. Some commercial self-funded groups may end the temporary waiver of member cost sharing on a different date. Providers are encouraged to submit claims to Blue Cross and BCN and wait for the voucher before charging member cost share, if applicable.

Note that for our Medicare Advantage plans, member cost share continues to be waived for monoclonal antibody infusions through the public health emergency. Continue to bill Original Medicare for this service. Our commercial plans will require member cost sharing for monoclonal antibody infusions and other COVID-19 treatment for dates of service on or after Oct. 1, 2021.

Blue Cross and BCN continue to fully cover the cost of the COVID-19 vaccine. We also cover COVID-19 testing as described in our *COVID-19 patient testing recommendations for physicians* document for the duration of the public health emergency, as required by federal guidelines.

You can also refer to our *Temporary changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic* document for other temporary policies and their end dates.