

BCBSAZ aligns emergency measures with official end of PHE

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With the end of the national public health emergency (PHE) targeted for May 11, 2023, COVID-19 emergency waivers and adjustments will be discontinued. We'll resume routine prior authorization and member cost-share requirements as of May 12, 2023. Look for more details soon.

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Note: Medicaid will follow AHCCCS guidelines.

All remaining Blue Cross[®] Blue Shield[®] of Arizona (BCBSAZ) COVID-related emergency measures to expire on May 11

EMERGENCY WAIVER or ADJUSTMENT	APPLICABLE BENEFIT PLANS	TIME FRAME
<p>Waiver of preservice review for all transitions from acute care to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) ONLY (not for transitions to EAR, LTAC, or home nursing visits)</p> <p>You must notify BCBSAZ within 72 hours of admission and send medical records within three days for concurrent review</p> <p><i>Note: Transfers between post-acute facilities still require prior authorization</i></p>	<p>Most BCBSAZ commercial plans (excludes self-funded groups with customized prior authorization requirements)</p> <p>Federal Employee Program® (FEP®) plans</p> <p>BCBSAZ-administered Medicare Advantage (MA) plans (not those administered by P3 Health Partners and Arizona Priority Care)</p>	<p>DISCONTINUED February 28, 2023</p>
Waiver of three-day prior hospitalization requirement for SNF stays	Traditional Medicare	Duration of COVID-19 public health emergency (through May 11, 2023)
PCP referral waiver for COVID-19 testing (testing must be consistent with CDC guidelines)	PCP Coordinated Care HMO plans	
Waiver of early refill limits on 30-day prescriptions for maintenance medications	FEP plans	
Preservice review waiver for COVID-19 testing and treatment (consistent with CDC guidelines)		
Preservice review waiver for COVID-19 testing (testing must be consistent with CDC guidelines)	ALL plans	
MEMBER COST-SHARE WAIVERS	APPLICABLE BENEFIT PLANS	TIME FRAME
Member cost-share waiver for in- and out-of-network telehealth services related to COVID-19 testing only	All BCBSAZ commercial plans and BCBSAZ-administered MA plans	Duration of COVID-19 public health emergency (through May 11, 2023)
Member cost-share waiver for COVID-19 testing (testing must be consistent with CDC guidelines)	ALL plans	
Member cost-share waiver for in-network telehealth services related to COVID-19 diagnosis codes only	FEP plans	Duration of COVID-19 public health emergency (through May 11, 2023)
Member cost-share waiver for COVID-19 treatment (treatment must be consistent with CDC guidelines)		
<p>Note: Self-funded employer groups and other BCBS Plans determine their own member-benefit coverage and waivers of cost-share and preservice-review requirements.</p>		

If you have questions, please reach out to your [provider liaison](#), or call us at 602-864-4320 or 1-800-232-2345, ext. 4320.

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