

Provider Update

This update contains pertinent information about changes that will impact the Johns Hopkins HealthCare provider network.

Coverage Updates for Coronavirus Testing and Treatment

In response to the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), Johns Hopkins HealthCare is updating benefit coverage for all four health plans: Johns Hopkins Employer Health Programs (EHP), Johns Hopkins Advantage MD, Priority Partners, and Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan.

Here are the major changes that you should be aware of when interacting with your patients:

EHP:

- Testing for coronavirus is covered
- Members will have no cost-shares (copays, coinsurance and deductibles) for COVID-19 diagnostic testing per CDC guidelines
- To increase access to prescription medications, EHP is waiving the early medication refill limits for supplies of at least 30-days (for EHP members with pharmacy benefits through CVS Caremark)

Advantage MD:

- Testing for coronavirus is covered
- Members will have no cost-shares for COVID-19 testing
- Prior authorizations waived for testing or other services related to COVID-19
- Medically-necessary testing and treatment at an out-of-network facility will be covered at in-network benefit level
- Members can be reimbursed for filling prescriptions at an out-of-network pharmacy; cost shares would still apply at in-network benefit level
- Early refill restrictions waived on prescriptions for supplies of at least 30-days
- Telemedicine: Rural-only requirement waived for real-time audio/video services

Priority Partners:

- Testing for coronavirus is covered
- Members can obtain early refills on medications, if needed
- Expanded telehealth services (see section on page 2)

USFHP:

- Testing for coronavirus is covered
- Members will have no copayments for COVID-19 testing
- Early refill restrictions waived on prescriptions for supplies of at least 30-days

Please contact the JHHC Provider Relations department at 1-888-895-4998 with any questions or concerns

Telehealth Expansion (Priority Partners)

The Maryland Department of Health has temporarily expanded the definition of a telehealth originating site to include a participant's home or any other secure location as approved by the participant and the provider for purposes of delivering Medicaid-covered services. The purpose of this expansion of regulatory authority is to ensure individuals can access certain health care services in their own home while mitigating possible risk for transmission of COVID-19. This expansion applies to Priority Partners members.

[Read the full memorandum](#), which includes restrictions and billing information.

Note: for all other plans, there are no changes to current telemedicine benefits at this time.