



Provider Update

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

Updates to Priority Partners Plan in Accordance with Lifting of Maryland's COVID-19 State of Emergency on August 15, 2021

Impacted Plan: Priority Partners

Type of Change: Expiration of COVID-19 services during Maryland State of Emergency

Explanation of Change:

In accordance with the Governor's declaration of the end of the State of Emergency, the Maryland Department of Health Secretary's Orders issued in response to COVID-19 expired on August 15, 2021. Many of the Medicaid flexibilities associated with these orders expired on this date.

However, telehealth services will continue to be offered to Priority Partners members. [The Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021](#) became effective July 1, 2021. As such, Priority Partners will provide coverage for health care services delivered through telehealth regardless of the participant's location at the time services are rendered and to allow a distant-site provider to provide services to a participant from any location at which the services may be delivered through telehealth. Additionally, Priority Partners will permit services to be rendered via audio-only telehealth during the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

For detailed information about all the changes pertaining to the expiration of Maryland's State of Emergency, please see the link below:

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/COVID-19-Provider-Updates.aspx>