



Provider Update

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

Reminder: Updated COVID-19 Testing Benefit Information for USFHP Members

Effective Date: Dec. 15, 2021

Health Plan Affected: Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

Type of Change: Benefit

Explanation of Change:

Effective Dec. 15, 2021, Johns Hopkins USFHP does not cover testing for COVID-19 that is not primarily intended for diagnosis and/or treatment of the coronavirus and its variants. Reasons for not covering the COVID-19 test include:

- Public health surveillance
- Research
- General workplace health and safety
- Return to school
- Mass transportation (e.g. bus, train, vanpool)
- Personal or leisure travel
- Curiosity or personal interest
- Offer by a third party for "free" testing unrelated to medical necessity
- To determine a donor's ability to donate blood or plasma

REMINDER: To receive COVID-19 testing, USFHP members require a referral from a USFHP or TRICARE-authorized provider. If a USFHP member receives a COVID-19 test through a county or state provider that does not request insurance information or bill the health plan, a referral would not be required.

Please see the applicable [TRICARE Policy](#) for details.