

# PROVIDER NOTICE

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## Johns Hopkins Health Plans Retired Reimbursement Policies

**Effective Date:** May 11, 2023 and Oct. 10, 2023

**Health Plans Affected:** Advantage MD, Employer Health Programs (EHP), Priority Partners, US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

**Type of Change:** Reimbursement

### Explanation of Change:

Johns Hopkins Health Plans is retiring the following reimbursement policies:

- [Covid-19 Testing, Treatment and Vaccination](#) (RPC.029) - RETIRED on May 11, 2023
- [Obstetrical \(OB\) Ultrasound](#) (RPC.008) - RETIRING on Oct. 10, 2023

Payment policies guidance will apply to either professional or facility providers, as indicated in the respective policies, who bill for services on the appropriate claim forms or their electronic equivalent, from network and non-network physicians, providers, and suppliers to the Advantage MD, EHP, Priority Partners and USFHP health plans.

- **RPC.029:** In accordance with CMS, the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19, declared under Section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, expired on May 11, 2023. Per the billing guidance stated in RPC.029, which became effective on Jan. 1, 2022, “**this policy shall expire at the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE).**” As such, the COVID-19 Testing, Treatment and Vaccination policy is no longer effective.
- **RPC.008:** Due to the recommendations and formal approval through our Reimbursement Policy Committee, the Obstetrical Ultrasound policy (RPC.008) will be retired as of Oct. 10, 2023 and no longer effective after this date. Please refer to our [Medical Policy](#), CMS16.19 Prenatal Obstetrical Ultrasound, for coverage guidelines.

### REFERENCES:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)\\*](#)
- [CMS Regulations & Guidance](#)
- [COMAR- Maryland Department of Health- Maryland Medicaid Administration](#)
- [Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)\\*](#)
- TRICARE® Policy Manual

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