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End of Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency APL 23-017

This is an advisory notification to Molina Healthcare of California (MHC) network providers. On January 31, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a public health emergency (PHE) due to COVID-19. That declaration was renewed several times but ended on May 11, 2023.

This notification is based on All-Plan Letter (APL) 23-017, which can be found in full on the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) website at: https://www.dmhc.ca.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ht fm TlaKc%3d&portalid=0.

BACKGROUND

Health plans were required during the PHE to cover COVID-19 "diagnostic" testing and immunizations without cost-sharing, prior authorization, or innetwork requirements. While the end of the PHE impacts federal laws, it does not impact state laws requiring plans to continue COVID-19 testing, immunizations, and therapeutics coverage without cost-sharing, prior authorization, or in-network requirements.

POLICY

Beginning November 11, 2023, MHC will continue covering COVID-19 testing, immunizations, and therapeutics. Enrollees will not be charged cost-sharing for services from an in-network or out-of-network provider.

MHC will continue providing direct coverage of over the counter (OTC) COVID-19 tests, in which case enrollees will pay nothing out-of-pocket if they obtain their tests from an in-network provider. Enrollees can still purchase and seek reimbursement for tests obtained out-of-network. However, reimbursement is limited to \$12 per OTC test.

WHAT IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE?

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