

COVID-19 cost share waiver end date extended to Jan. 15, 2022

On October 15, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services extended the national public health emergency. As a result, UMR is extending the initial end date for cost share waiver and other COVID-19 benefit options to the date of service, **Jan. 15, 2022**.

The Jan. 15, 2022 extension will be applied to **UMR standard benefit options** and include:

- Waiving cost share for COVID-19 testing and test-related visits (Feb. 4, 2020-end of emergency period). **Applies to all plans per the Families First Coronavirus Response Act**
- Waiving cost share for COVID-19 treatment (Feb. 4, 2020-end of emergency period). Applies only to customers who elected to waive cost share for COVID-19 treatment
- Waiving cost share for Teladoc (or other customer vendor) for all diagnoses (March 1, 2020-end of emergency period). Applies only to customers who elected to waive cost share for Teladoc (or other customer vendor) for all diagnoses
- Waiving cost share for telehealth visits for all diagnoses (March 1, 2020- end of emergency period). Applies only to customers who elected to waive cost share to telehealth visits for all diagnoses
- Adding coverage for telehealth visits, paying at plan benefits (March 1, 2020- end of emergency period). Applies only to customers who added new telehealth visits

If you want to end any of the benefit options prior to Jan. 15, 2022, please confirm by October 31.

We will continue to monitor the public health emergency and will automatically update the UMR standard benefit options as needed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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