

## COVID-19 cost share waiver end date extended to Oct. 12, 2022

On July 15, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services extended the national public health emergency. As a result, UMR is extending the end date for cost share waiver and other COVID-19 benefit options to the date of service, **Oct. 12, 2022**.

The Oct. 12, 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 vaccine administration. The COVID-19 vaccine serum will initially be paid by the government. (Dec. 12, 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. **Note: QHDHPs are permitted to waive deductible for dates of service April 1, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2022. As of Jan. 1, 2023, deductible will need to apply to services**
- 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. **Note: QHDHPs are permitted to waive deductible for dates of service April 1, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2022. As of Jan. 1, 2023, deductible will need to apply to services**
- 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 customer elected benefit options prior to Oct. 12, 2022, please confirm by August 1.**

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

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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