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RE: Federal law now requires all group health plans to waive COVID-19 member cost sharing

Dear Customers,

With the passage of the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) on March 18, 2020, group health plans are now required to waive all member cost sharing for COVID-19. Specifically, group health plans are required to waive member cost sharing on both Aetna insured and self-insured plans for the following:

- FDA-authorized COVID-19 tests
- Health care provider visits (in and out-of-network), telemedicine visits, urgent care visits, and emergency room visits that result in an order for or administration of the test

We will begin to waive member cost sharing in accordance with the new law, effective immediately.

Here are some frequently asked questions:

How will COVID-19 be priced?

To ensure access for COVID-19 testing and have consistent reimbursement, Aetna will reimburse contracted and non-contracted providers for COVID-19 testing as follows in accordance with the members' benefit plan:

- HCPCS U0001: \$35.92 per test
- HCPCS U0002: \$51.33 per test
- CPT 87635: \$51.33 per test

These reimbursement rates are based upon rates that were recently announced by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for COVID-19 testing and are subject to change.

What commercial labs have the ability to test for COVID-19?

Currently, Quest Diagnostics and LabCorp announced they launched a COVID-19 test service. They are providing updates to their provider community on their capabilities and how to order tests. Aetna will continue to provide updates on the other labs that will have testing capabilities. See [aetna.com](https://www.aetna.com) for additional select labs approved to do COVID-19 testing.

What about the opt-out option for telemedicine liberalization?

As previously communicated, self-insured plan sponsors may continue to opt out of the telemedicine liberalization outlined in our [press release](#) dated March 6, 2020. Unless we hear otherwise, we will assume you wish to continue to opt-out from the telemedicine liberalization.

Please contact your Aetna representative with any questions you may have.

Resources

- Stay up-to-date with the latest [CVS Health Press Releases](#)
- Access the [Aetna COVID-19 FAQ](#)
- Learn additional details on the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#)

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