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AmeriHealth New Jersey extends coverage enhancements for telemedicine and COVID-19 testing

Recently, the state of New Jersey passed legislation to extend health benefits coverage for COVID-19 testing and health care services provided using telemedicine and telehealth. Coverage for the services listed below will continue until 90 days after the end of both state of emergency and public health emergency declared by the State of New Jersey in response to COVID-19.

Coverage for testing**

COVID-19 diagnostic and antibody tests covered with no member cost-sharing when performed at any site, including a physician's office, urgent care center, hospital or hospital emergency room, pharmacy, or during a home health visit or drive-through testing center visit, or when ordered during a telehealth visit.

Telemedicine* — Primary care (PCP)

Cost sharing is waived for all telemedicine with plan members' existing PCPs.

Telemedicine* — MDLIVE® visits

MDLIVE cost sharing is waived for all MDLIVE telemedicine visits.

Telemedicine* — Specialists

Covers telemedicine appointments for specialists; nutrition counseling; urgent care; video-only visits for physical and occupational therapy; and audio or video for speech therapy for in-network services, unless the benefit design provides otherwise or is permitted by AmeriHealth New Jersey due to a network adequacy or access determination.

Telemedicine* — Behavioral health

Covers in-network, out-of-area, and out-of-network telebehavioral health visits at no cost.

*References to telemedicine include telehealth for the purposes of this communication.

****Please note:** The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act mandate that member cost sharing (deductible, co-pays, and coinsurance) is waived both in- and out-of-network for the testing and diagnosis of COVID-19 through the public health emergency. When the public health emergency referenced by the FFCRA and CARES Act ends, the waiver of cost sharing for out-of-network COVID-19 testing and diagnosis will end. The waiver of cost sharing for in-network testing and diagnosis of COVID-19 will continue until 90 days after the end of both the state of emergency and public health emergency declared by the State of New Jersey in response to COVID-19.

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