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## Provider Alert

To: Sharp Health Plan Providers and Provider Office Staff

From: Sharp Health Plan
Date: February 11, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 Member Cost-Share Waiver Extended to March 31, 2021

## Attention Provider Partner:

Sharp Health Plan is further extending its cost-share waiver for medically necessary COVID-19 treatment services to March 31, 2021. We will continue to waive members' cost share for COVID-19 screening and testing until further notice from state and federal regulators.

## No cost for COVID-19 screening, testing and treatment services.

- Sharp Health Plan has eliminated member cost-sharing for all medically necessary:
  - o COVID-19 screening and testing for commercial patients (group, individual & Covered California).
  - o COVID-19 testing for Medicare patients.
  - o COVID-19 treatment services received April 1, 2020 March 31, 2021 for all patients.
- Interim coding guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is available at <u>sharphealthplan.com/covid19coding</u>. Claims submitted using these codes will be processed with no cost-share for your patients.

Cost sharing includes, but is not limited to, copays, deductibles and coinsurance. Medically necessary screening and testing for COVID-19 includes hospital (including emergency department), urgent care, and provider office visits for the purpose of screening and/or testing for COVID-19.

We are continuing to monitor and follow guidance from all state and federal agencies and local public health officials. We will continue to update our COVID-19 resource center online as we receive new information and guidance. Please visit <a href="mailto:sharphealthplan.com/for-providers/covid19">sharphealthplan.com/for-providers/covid19</a> for the latest information.

Thank you for your continued service to help keep our communities safe. We appreciate your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

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