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### Updates to COVID-19 coverage as Public Health Emergency ends

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, AmeriHealth has been committed to helping members receive the care they need. With the Public Health Emergency (PHE) ending on May 11, 2023, AmeriHealth's commitment to helping members stay healthy remains as strong as ever.

Members will continue to have access to COVID-19 vaccines and testing and virtual visits; however, AmeriHealth is updating how benefits are covered, starting May 12 (the day after the PHE ends).

AmeriHealth's coverage of COVID-19 related benefits after the PHE is outlined below.

### Coverage for COVID-19 benefits

- **Vaccine:** The COVID-19 vaccine will continue to be covered as a preventive service at no cost when obtained from an in-network provider. If the vaccine is administered by an out-of-network provider, standard cost-sharing will apply. Network rules apply based on benefit design.
- **Diagnostic testing:** Copay, deductibles, and coinsurance will apply to visits when members are tested for COVID-19. Diagnostic testing for COVID-19 will be paid consistent with your health plan benefits, including benefits for in-network or out-of-network services. Testing should continue to be performed only when medically necessary.
- **Over-the-counter (OTC) at-home testing reimbursement:** Coverage for eight free take-home OTC tests will end at the conclusion of the PHE. Per federal guidance, members with HSAs or FSAs may receive reimbursement for OTC tests.
- **Telemedicine:** Standard cost-sharing will be applied to member benefits regardless of COVID-19 diagnosis.

- **Timely filing of claims:** Federal guidance required the suspension of timely filing requirements for up to one year during the PHE. Timely filing requirements will begin again 60 days after the PHE for any claim that is currently covered by the waiver of timely filing guidance.

### **AmeriHealth New Jersey member outreach**

AmeriHealth New Jersey will deliver digital messaging about these upcoming changes to its members. An example of that message can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact your account representative.