Medicare Advantage Provider Bulletin

May 26, 2023

End to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) ended on May 11, 2023. Aspirus Health Plan has revised its COVID-19 guidance for providers who serve Medicare Advantage members. Review the COVID-19 Information for Providers PDF on the provider homepage for more information regarding the following changes:

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Testing

The federal Medicare program no longer covers OTC COVID-19 tests. Aspirus Health Plan Medicare Advantage members can use their Aspirus Health Plan Healthy Savings® cards to purchase OTC COVID-19 tests.

COVID Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines are covered with no cost share as a preventive service. Reference the CMS COVID-19 Vaccines and Monoclonal Antibodies page for information about COVID-19 vaccines.

Monoclonal Antibodies

Aspirus Health Plan Medicare Advantage plans cover monoclonal antibody treatments that have been approved for emergency use or authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). COVID-19 treatments continually change.

Reference the CMS COVID-19 Vaccines and Monoclonal Antibodies page for the most up-to-date list of other monoclonal antibodies that are approved for emergency use or authorized by the FDA. The page also shares the associated codes, effective dates and a list of monoclonal antibodies that are no longer authorized.

Member Out-of-Pocket Expenses: COVID-19-Related Coverage

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Aspirus Health Plan has partnered with UCare, based out of Minnesota, as the administrator for our Medicare Advantage Plan.

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Cost share will be applied for inpatient, observation, outpatient, office-based clinic services and emergency department services.

Telehealth, Telemedicine Coverage

Aspirus Health Plan Medicare Advantage plans will follow the expansion of telehealth guidelines through Dec. 31, 2024. Refer to the [Telehealth policy changes after the COVID-19 public health emergency page](#) for a complete guide to telehealth services.

Questions

Contact the Aspirus Health Plan Medicare Advantage Provider Assistance Center at 715-631-7412 or 1-855-931-4851 with questions.

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