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Your COVID-19 Coverage After the Public Health Emergency

Dear Member,

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has confirmed the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 (PHE) declared by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (Secretary) under Section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act expired at the end of the day on May 11, 2023.

We are continuing to monitor COVID-19 and End of Public Health Emergency regulatory updates and want to make sure you are informed about your coverage for vaccines, treatment and testing moving forward.

Effective May 12, 2023, coverage for COVID-19 vaccines, testing and treatment is as follows:

COVID-19 Vaccines

- COVID-19 vaccine and booster serum and administration are part of your covered benefits.
- You will have zero out-of-pocket cost for a COVID-19 vaccination if you receive your vaccinations from an in-network provider.

COVID-19 Treatment

- There is no change in coverage of treatments if you are exposed to COVID-19.
- In cases where cost-sharing and deductibles apply now, they will continue to apply.

COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing

- Coverage of FDA-approved or authorized COVID-19 tests ordered by a physician or other healthcare provider, such as physician assistants and nurses, and performed by a CLIA certified laboratory will be in accordance with your medical plan benefit. Cost-sharing may apply.

COVID-19 Over-the-Counter (OTC) Tests

- Baylor Scott & White Health Plan will not cover OTC COVID-19 tests effective May 12, 2023. The cost of home testing for COVID-19 is an eligible medical expense that can be paid or reimbursed under healthcare flexible spending account (FSAs), or health savings accounts (HSAs).

Surveillance Testing

- Baylor Scott & White Health Plan will not cover in- or out-of-network surveillance testing.

Telehealth

- Telehealth visits will be covered in accordance with your standard medical plan benefit. Cost-sharing may apply.

NOTE: If you receive routine home care via telehealth under the hospice benefit, this flexibility will end at the end of the PHE.

Be safe and well,

Baylor Scott & White Health Plan

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