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End of Member No Cost-Sharing for COVID-19 Testing and Treatment Effective June 20, 2023

On January 30, 2023 the Executive Office of the President announced that the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) will be extended until May 11, 2023 and then end on this date. This declaration determines the period during which plans must pay for COVID-19 diagnostic tests and related services without cost-sharing to members. Provisions sunsetting with the elimination of the PHE include:

- Covering COVID-19 tests without cost-sharing
- Free Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Tests (up to eight (8) per month)
- Coverage of COVID-19 vaccines in network and out of network without cost sharing
- Coverage for treatment of COVID-19 without cost sharing

To meet notification requirements to members, NMPSIA is extending the member no cost-sharing coverage for the services listed above through June 20, 2023. This will apply to NMPSIA's High, Low and EPO option medical plan members enrolled with Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico, Cigna Healthcare, and Presbyterian Health Plan.

After June 20, 2023 cost sharing will apply as follows:

- Testing
 - Over-the-Counter tests will no longer be covered.
 - COVID-19 tests administered in a health care provider/facility setting will be charged according to the location where the test is administered in-network or out-of-network.
- Vaccines will continue to be covered at no cost **when accessed in-network**.
- Treatment will be charged according to the location where the service is received in-network or out-of-network.

NMPSIA continues to encourage members to utilize the video visits benefit under our medical plans. **There is no cost to the member for video visits if they are accessing the video visit from the medical carrier's website video visit portal.** If you have any questions or require assistance with video visits, please contact your medical carrier's customer service number on the back of your ID card.