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No Cost for COVID-19 Testing & Telehealth Services

While Samaritan Health Plans continues to monitor the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), our goal is to keep you informed on how to access care and stop the spread of COVID-19. **Samaritan Health Plans is waiving members' out-of-pocket costs for COVID-19 testing and testing-related visits as well as telehealth services.**

Samaritan Health Plans continues to work closely with healthcare providers, state coronavirus response teams, and health agencies in preparation to respond to the needs of members, employers and providers.

To ensure your safety and well-being, we will continue to abide by the standards and recommendations from state health authorities in addressing the impact of the virus.

Whenever possible, stay at home and practice social distancing. This is the most effective way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Actions we're taking to respond to the virus:

- Samaritan Health Plans will eliminate out-of-pocket costs for COVID-19 testing and testing-related visits for our members at outpatient care sites, including primary care, urgent care, telehealth and emergency rooms. If you need further treatment, those services may be subject to additional cost shares depending on your benefit plan.

Please note: Testing for purposes of travel or without physician orders are not covered.

- Samaritan Health Plans will eliminate out-of-pocket costs for telehealth services performed over the phone, video or internet for the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak. We encourage you to use this option to ensure social distancing and to help stop the spread of the virus.
- Samaritan Health Plans will allow members early refills for prescription drugs. Additionally, 90-day refills will be available to members.
- The COVID-19 vaccine will also be offered at no cost to members.

Check back for more benefit updates related to the COVID-19 virus as they are released.