

# Notice of Changes to Your Benefits Due to the Ending of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Some COVID-19 benefits changed after May 11, 2023, with the end of the public health emergency. **If you have questions about your benefit coverage, call the customer service number listed on your BCBSIL member ID card. For more information on post-PHE coverage, see [About COVID-19 Costs](#).**

Benefit	Beginning Date	End Date
COVID-19 testing covered at no cost-share to the member	March 7, 2020	Ended on May 11, 2023, with the end of the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) public health emergency.
COVID-19 testing-related visits covered at no cost-share to the member at in-network provider offices, urgent care clinics, emergency rooms or by telehealth	March 18, 2020	Ended on May 11, 2023, with the end of the HHS public health emergency.
Over-the-counter COVID-19 diagnostic tests covered at no cost-share to the member, up to 8 tests every 30 days per person	Jan. 15, 2022	Ended on May 11, 2023, with the end of the HHS public health emergency.
In-network COVID-19 treatment at no cost-share at in-network providers	April 1, 2020	Ended Dec. 31, 2020.
Telehealth visits at no cost-share at in-network providers	March 16, 2020	Ended Dec. 31, 2020.
Early fills (up to 90 days) of some covered medication at select drugstores or by mail order	March 8, 2020	Medicare members - Ended on May 11, 2023, with the end of the HHS public health emergency. Medicaid members – Ends when state disaster declaration ends.

Benefit coverage for self-funded groups may differ from the dates listed above. If you are in a group plan and are unsure what your plan covers, contact your company's benefits administrator.

Remember to use your BCBSIL member ID card for your doctor's visit and testing to help with the reimbursement process.

## About COVID-19 Costs

When the public health emergency ended on May 11, 2023, some [COVID-19 coverage changed](#).

- COVID-19 vaccines are covered at your preventive benefit level.
- Lab tests to diagnose COVID-19 are covered at your regular benefit level.
- Over-the-counter COVID-19 diagnostic tests are not covered through your medical or pharmacy benefits.
- Testing-related visits are covered at your regular benefit level.
- The FDA-authorized oral anti-viral prescription medicines to treat mild to moderate COVID-19 may be covered under your pharmacy benefit. These medicines are Paxlovid and Lagevrio (molnupiravir). There is a limit of one course of treatment every 30 days per person. You will pay your member cost share, based on your benefit plan.

Benefits for members of self-funded plans may vary. If you are unsure what your plan covers, contact your benefits administrator or call BCBSIL Customer Service at the number listed on your member ID card.

Remember to use your BCBSIL member ID card for your doctor's visit and testing to help with the reimbursement process.

*\*Grandfathered plans may not cover the cost of vaccines, including the COVID-19 vaccine.*

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