Changes to COVID-19 coverage as of May 31

The steady decline in COVID-19 hospitalizations over the past two months and the rapid progress of the Arizona vaccination rollout is bringing us closer to all those activities and people we have missed over the past year. Even as hope continues to grow, it is important to remain cautious and continue to follow guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other health experts.

Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) was pleased to provide cost share relief for both COVID-19 treatment and testing since the onset of the pandemic. However, effective June 1, cost share for COVID-19 treatment only will return to normal coverage terms.

COVID-19 Testing—$0 Cost Share

COVID-19 testing is a covered benefit with all our medical plans. BCBSAZ will continue to waive the copay or other cost share for COVID-19 diagnostic testing when it is medically necessary and performed according to CDC guidelines, for the duration of the public health emergency.

COVID-19 Treatment – Cost Shares Return to Normal

After May 31, BCBSAZ will no longer be waiving cost shares or prior authorization (precertification) for covered services that are medically necessary and consistent with CDC guidance for members who received a COVID-19 diagnosis. Coverage will be dependent on your current plan benefits and may include applicable deductibles, co-payments, or co-insurance. If you have questions, please call the number on the back of your member ID card; we are here to help.

COVID-19 Vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccines are here and are $0 for BCBSAZ members.

Register for appointments anywhere in Arizona by going to azdhs.gov or you can call the ADHS vaccine hotline at 480-573-0332, TTY: 711; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Make sure you wait for a representative to help you schedule an appointment.

Download this guide for scheduling your vaccine appointment from ADHS with step-by-step instructions on how to create an account and schedule a vaccine appointment. If no appointments are available, be sure to check back often, as appointments continue to open.
Appointments are required to be vaccinated at any POD (point of dispensing) site.

**Information Resources**

For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).

BCBSAZ will continue to provide you with information at [azblue.com](http://azblue.com) to help you protect your health.