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## COVID-19 emergency measures continue

The Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Arizona (BCBSAZ) emergency measures continue to support providers as they manage the surge in new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Here are the current strategies and time frames:

TYPE OF WAIVER/ADJUSTMENT	LINE OF BUSINESS	CURRENT TIME FRAME
Concurrent review waiver for inpatient acute care hospitalizations <i>Penalties for unscheduled admission notification or precertification are also waived.</i>	BCBSAZ fully insured plans and all Medicare Advantage plans (includes those administered by P3 Health Partners)	<b>Effective July 3 until further notice</b> (based on ADHS measures for hospital bed capacity)
Preservice review waiver for all <b>transitions from acute care to post-acute care facilities</b> (SNF/EAR/LTAC) <i>You must notify BCBSAZ within 72 hours of admission and send medical records within three days for concurrent review.</i>	All BCBSAZ-administered commercial and Medicare Advantage plans (includes those administered by P3 Health Partners)	<b>Adjusted, effective June 10, until further notice</b> (based on ADHS measures for hospital bed capacity)
Preservice review waiver for post-acute care home nursing visits and DME items	BCBSAZ fully insured plans and BCBSAZ-administered Medicare Advantage plans	<b>Effective July 3 until further notice</b> (based on ADHS measures for hospital bed capacity)
Preservice review time frame limit adjustment (these were expanded to be valid for 90 days past the approval date); excludes pharmacy authorizations	BCBSAZ fully insured plans and BCBSAZ-administered Medicare Advantage plans	<b>Reinstated July 3 until further notice</b> (based on ADHS measures for hospital bed capacity)
Waiver of three-day prior hospitalization requirement for SNF stays	Medicaid and traditional Medicare	Duration of COVID-19 public health emergency
PCP referral waiver for in-network services related to COVID-19 diagnoses (consistent with CDC guidelines for COVID-19 treatment)	PCP Coordinated Care HMO plans	<b>Extended for</b> duration of COVID-19 public health emergency
PCP referral waiver for all services	BCBSAZ-administered Medicare Advantage plans	<b>Extended for</b> duration of COVID-19 public health emergency
Waiver of early refill limits on 30-day prescriptions for maintenance medications	BCBSAZ-administered Medicare Advantage plans	<b>Extended for</b> duration of COVID-19 public health emergency
Member cost-share waiver for in-network tele-everything services for all diagnosis codes	BCBSAZ fully insured plans and BCBSAZ-administered Medicare Advantage plans	<b>Extended for</b> duration of COVID-19 public health emergency
Member cost-share waiver for in-network tele-everything services for COVID-19 diagnosis codes only	Federal Employee Program® (FEP®) plans	March 6 throughout COVID-19 public health emergency
Member cost-share waiver for COVID-19 testing (consistent with CDC guidelines)	ALL plans—see note below about self-funded plans and those from other Blue Plans	Duration of COVID-19 public health emergency
Member cost-share waiver for COVID-19 treatment (consistent with CDC guidelines)		
Preservice review waiver for COVID-19 testing and treatment (consistent with CDC guidelines)		
<b>Note:</b> Self-funded employer groups and other Blue Plans determine their own member-benefit coverage and waivers of cost-share and preservice-review requirements.		

For more information about our COVID-19 response strategies, please visit our provider updates page at [azblue.com/coronavirus-providers](https://azblue.com/coronavirus-providers).

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