



COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR HEALTH COVERAGE

The Office of Group Benefits (OGB) is closely monitoring the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and how it could impact our members. OGB has asked each of the health plan vendors to provide us with their contingency plans regarding care and coverage they may need should they contract the disease.



Louisiana



HMO Louisiana **BLUE** Advantage

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana and HMO Louisiana (Blue Advantage) will follow CDC, federal and state recommendations regarding the coronavirus, and will:

- Waive prior authorizations for diagnostic tests and for covered services that are medically necessary and consistent with CDC guidance if diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Cover the full cost of medically necessary diagnostic tests that are consistent with CDC guidance related to the COVID-19.
- Increase access to prescription medications by waiving early medication refill limits on 30-day prescription maintenance medications (consistent with member's benefit plan) and/or encouraging members to use 90-day mail order benefit.

Blue Cross encourages members to use their telemedicine platform, BlueCare. This is a good option for people who may feel too ill to leave the house or want to consult with a healthcare provider before going to a clinic or hospital for treatment. BlueCare works on any device that has internet and a camera and is available in all 50 states.

To create an account, members can go to www.BlueCareLA.com or get the "BlueCare" (one word) app for Android and Apple devices. Once members have created an account, they can simply log in when they need to have a telehealth visit.

Humana.

Humana will waive out-of-pocket costs associated with testing for COVID-19 for patients who meet CDC guidelines at approved laboratory locations. The CDC continues to offer free testing for coronavirus.

Additionally, Humana is making the following resources available to its members:

- **Telemedicine costs waived for all urgent care needs for next 90 days** – To help reduce the risk of infection and spread of disease, Humana is encouraging members to use telemedicine (e.g., video chat) as a first line of defense for all urgent care needs. The company will waive costs for telemedicine visits for urgent care needs for the next 90 days.
- **Early prescription refills allowed for next 30 days** – The company is allowing early refills on prescription medicines so members can prepare for extended supply needs—an extra 30- or 90-day supply as appropriate.
- **Member support line available** – Humana has trained a specialized group of call center employees to help support members with specific coronavirus questions and concerns, including live assistance with telemedicine. Members can call Humana's toll-free customer support line, which can be found on the back of their member I.D. card, to be connected to this dedicated team of professionals.



MediImpact and VibrantRx's clinical experts and operations team have been closely following developments related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and are implementing several measures to support our clients over the coming weeks and months.

Customers who would like to provide additional flexibility and support to their members during this time, we are making the following services available:

- Remove early refill limits to make it easier for members to have necessary medications on hand;
- Implement a zero-dollar copay tier for all COVID-19 related products determined by the plan; and
- Provide backup call center support to help clients manage increased call volumes.



Vantage Health Plan (Medical Home HMO and Medicare Advantage) will follow CDC, federal and state recommendations regarding the coronavirus, and will:

1. Cover medically necessary diagnostic tests that are consistent with CDC guidance related to the COVID-19;
2. Streamline approvals for any prior authorization requirements for services related to the care of patients with COVID-19 so that these requirements are not a barrier to timely care. In addition, clinical staff will be available to address any inquiries;
3. Increase access to prescription medications by waiving early medication refill limits on 30-day prescription maintenance medications (consistent with the member's benefit plan) and/or encouraging members to use their 90-day mail order benefit; and
4. Expand access to telehealth providers and will continue to offer a 24-hour nurse/provider hot-line. Vantage will waive members' copays for telehealth visits.



TBD



Catapult Health is closely monitoring daily developments concerning COVID-19 and has put stringent protocols in place for the protection and empowerment of your checkup participants, and will adjust our approach as needed to ensure safety for all.

Beginning next week (the week of March 16, 2020), we will begin taking each participant's temperature as a first step in their checkup. If a participant's temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher (a CDC protocol), we will:

1. Stop their checkup;
2. Ask them to notify their HR team; and
3. Instruct them to go to their PCP for further evaluation, or to urgent care if they do not have a PCP.

During each checkup, participants will be invited to ask their Catapult Nurse Practitioner questions they have about COVID-19. Our clinical team is well trained in the identification of this disease and recommendations for how to avoid contracting it.

Cleanliness is always a top priority for Catapult. We will continue our normal rigorous practices of disinfecting all common-touch surfaces after each checkup, and of discarding all single use items (apparatus for our finger stick blood draw, etc.) using our hazardous materials disposal protocols.

Members of Catapult's on-site teams are well trained on COVID-19 symptoms and are instructed not to come to work if they experience any of the symptoms. Out of an abundance of caution, prior to the beginning of each on site event, a temperature reading is also taken for each member of each on-site team. If a team member's temperature is elevated, they are immediately sent to their PCP or to urgent care for further evaluation.



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW - FACTS vs. FICTION

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are in close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with an ongoing spread of COVID-19.

Below are links to resources from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that will help you learn more about the disease, how it is spread, symptoms and how to stop the spread of germs.



[Share Facts About COVID-19](#)

Know the facts about coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.



[What You Need to Know](#)

This virus was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China. Cases of the coronavirus have been diagnosed in the United States.



[What to do if You are Sick](#)

If you are sick with Coronavirus Disease 2019, or suspected of being infected with it, follow the steps in this fact sheet to help prevent spreading it to people in your home and community.



[Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.



[Stop the Spread of Germs](#)

Help prevent the spread of respiratory disease, like Coronavirus by avoiding close contact with people who are sick; covering coughs and sneezes; avoiding touching your face; and washing your hands with soap and water.