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| |  | | --- | | The national public health emergency has been extended from July 19, 2021 to Oct. 17, 2021. Below is an overview of how that extension affects temporary provisions for COVID-19 testing and testing-related visits.   * **Individual Exchange, Individual and Group Market health plans:** From Feb. 4, 2020 through the national public health emergency period, UnitedHealthcare is waiving cost sharing for in-network and out-of-network COVID-19 tests and testing-related visits. * **Medicare Advantage:** From Feb. 4, 2020 through the national public health emergency period, UnitedHealthcare is waiving cost sharing for in-network and out-of-network tests for COVID-19, including testing-related telehealth visits. * **Medicaid:** State-specific rules and other state regulations may apply. For Medicaid and other state-specific regulations, please refer to your state-specific website or your state’s UnitedHealthcare Community Plan website, if applicable.   Complete details on these temporary cost share waivers are available at [**UHCprovider.com/COVID19**](https://click.provideremail.uhc.com/?qs=351d88bc7cc688fbb9ae6cc4fc2f5c59bd728cbf5af579fa7471a81912b01b93ba2bf162bd9dda2f14481c77766c90c6f7a3ae3bb5715b5ab629d6f685b31fee) and in the [**Summary of COVID-19 Temporary Program Provisions**](https://click.provideremail.uhc.com/?qs=351d88bc7cc688fba47c6df950459c0adeed53d50e6b3d894c0f36e9dc2d907cc86f2914678e28fb8aeddf32a9d6720d05b6eedfaf9375e57a4b095d86a7d417). | |
| |  | | --- | | **Helping patients with vaccine hesitancy** | |
| |  | | --- | | With the recent surge of COVID-19 cases due to the Delta variant, it’s more important than ever to talk with patients who may be hesitant to get vaccinated. A recent Kaiser Family Foundation [**poll**](https://click.provideremail.uhc.com/?qs=351d88bc7cc688fb397ac7e580ac3ace938ebaf41ca5279e21e73c29107332ae552bbc5b1c1ccf79ac3a3e0f2adde7d86019e705bf2d03403e8d4204a2f4ff9e) found that 20% of Americans who were initially hesitant or squarely against getting the COVID-19 vaccine have now been vaccinated — and they were persuaded, in part, after conversations with their doctors about their own personal health risks.   * Review our [**Building COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence**](https://click.provideremail.uhc.com/?qs=351d88bc7cc688fbf5e64eee99b60af349801da5010728a34662f915fd5691ec39ae108d62d7eab382c2ea50b5ce173f2f7b9d8b3c2a19e41f4e97ce22d38b98) self-paced learning course for tips and scenarios that will help you respond during conversations with members. * Check out our [**Vaccine Confidence resources**](https://click.provideremail.uhc.com/?qs=351d88bc7cc688fb524414d735fa6c526e209fd6b382d9257365d0318f989cc6e45bb4e6a3478f5e05e6a056b0c0fc5d3eca4a0a0b5aba1f8d2cf328481b26bc) to help answer questions. It has information from the American Medical Association, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UnitedHealthcare. | |
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| |  | | --- | | We appreciate your continued focus on putting patient care first during the COVID-19 national public health emergency. UnitedHealthcare remains committed to delivering timely news and updates to help you stay informed of the changing COVID-19 circumstances.  Thank you for your continuous efforts to keep our members healthy and informed. | |
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