

BETTER CARE AMERICA

COVID-19

From ensuring access to testing, to expanding public health capacity, to taking action to mitigate the economic and societal impact, these are serious and critical times. Overcoming the COVID-19 crisis will require a far-reaching and coordinated response from government and the free market.

Health insurance providers continue to take decisive actions to help patients and curb the spread of the virus, including:

- **proactively eliminating patient cost-sharing** for COVID-19 diagnostic testing – no copay, no coinsurance, no deductible required.
- **fully covering the doctor visits and treatments** needed to recover from this disease.
- **waiving prior authorization** for those seeking testing or treatment of COVID-19.
- **waiving cost-sharing for and expanding access to telehealth services** to ease the burden on our health system and allow doctors and health care providers to care for people who need it most, while limiting the exposure of health care workers and patients to the disease.
- **partnering with hospitals** facing unprecedented uncertainty to enhance and accelerate their care in the most affected and at-risk regions.
- **working with federal, state, and local leaders to help Americans get the COVID-19 vaccines**, and lending a hand in planning and strategy, educating the public, facilitating vaccine deployment, gathering data on vaccine effectiveness, and ensuring our members get any required follow-up doses.

No one should hesitate to get tested or treated for COVID-19 because of concerns about costs.

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Health insurance providers will continue to take action to help patients get the testing and treatment they need, help partners meet capacity challenges, help businesses and their employees continue their coverage, and help policymakers implement effective solutions.

Moreover, health insurance providers are working to save lives by helping to ensure access to safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines. Health insurance providers are working with national, state, and local leaders so that every American can quickly access vaccines when they're available.

Together, we can and will defeat and overcome the COVID-19 crisis.

For more information about how health insurance providers are ensuring access to COVID-19 vaccines, visit <https://www.ahip.org/ensuring-access-to-covid-19-vaccines>

For more information about how health insurance providers are stepping up to fight COVID-19, visit <https://www.ahip.org/health-insurance-providers-respond-to-coronavirus-covid-19/>

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