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Medica COVID-19 coverage extended through July 31, 2022

The U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced an extension of the Public Health Emergency (PHE). Medica will extend the following COVID-19 services through July 31, 2022, to align with this COVID-19 PHE change.

- 100% coverage for COVID-19 FDA-approved diagnostic and anti-body testing and services for COVID testing are covered through July 31, 2022
- 100% coverage for COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatment through July 31, 2022
- 100% coverage for telehealth/virtual health services through July 31, 2022

For ongoing updates, review the [COVID-19 coverage updates and FAQs](#).

Innovation mini-summit recap: Medica hosted event for innovations in emergency behavioral health

To continue with the success of our annual accountable care organization (ACO) engagement summit, we provide additional ways for our ACO partners to connect and share innovations. One such opportunity was the mini-summit we hosted on March 8 that focused on M Health Fairview's groundbreaking "EmPATH" unit.

About M Health Fairview's EmPATH unit

In 2021, M Health Fairview opened an EmPATH (Emergency Psychiatric Assessment, Treatment, and Healing) unit to provide prompt, comprehensive behavioral health care in a calming environment for mental health or substance abuse crises. In the U.S., one in eight emergency department ED visits involves a mental health or substance use crisis. While emergency departments provide, life-saving care, their busy environments may feel stressful to a person experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. Frequently after assessment and treatment at the M Health Fairview EmPATH unit, inpatient admission to the hospital can be avoided.

Follow-up care

People typically spend 12 to 48 hours in the EmPATH unit. Before leaving, they receive a care plan, next steps and connections to follow-up resources and programs. They will also have a safety plan for the next time a triggering event occurs. For Medica members, next steps typically include a follow-up appointment with an appropriate provider in the Medica Behavioral Health (MBH) network, managed by Optum Behavioral Health.

Presentation highlights

- In his presentation, Lewis Zeidner, PhD, system director of clinical triage and transition services at M Health Fairview, outlined how his health system implemented this model, shared early reports on outcomes such as readmissions, and reviewed plans for expansion to the pediatric population.

- Following the presentation, Dr. Zeidner and Dr. Kris Kopski, Medica's senior medical director, had a discussion on the model and M Health Fairview's experience. There was high engagement from the audience with multiple questions regarding logistics, future plans, and readmissions outcomes.
- Nearly 70 external participants attended, representing almost all of our ACO partners.

[Learn more about M Health Fairview's EmPATH unit.](#)

ConsumerMedical program sunsetting for fully insured large groups

ConsumerMedical's Treatment Decision Support helps employees make informed medical decisions. Effective June 30, 2022, this program will no longer be offered to our fully insured large group members (members not enrolled in an accountable care organization [ACO] plan but whose employer offered an ACO plan). ConsumerMedical will continue to be available to our self-insured clients as a buy-up program.

In May, we will communicate the program end date directly to our fully insured large group members who have used or are currently using ConsumerMedical services.

Please contact your Medica representative if you have any questions.

Member topic of the month: Hearing aid discount

Every month we feature ready-made promotional materials for one of our member programs or resources. Print the flier or email it to your employees, whichever you prefer!

The topic this month is a significant savings on hearing aids and services from the industry's leading manufacturers, offered to Medica commercial members through Amplifon Hearing Health Care. Amplifon offers an average savings of 64% on hearing aids from leading manufacturers on most hearing devices.

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