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Medica COVID-19 coverage extensions

Medica is expanding COVID-19 coverage to align with the COVID-19 public health emergency extension announced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services last month (HHS).

- COVID-19 tests are covered with no member cost through July 31, 2021
- COVID-19 antibody tests are covered with no member cost for FDA-approved tests through July 31, 2021
- COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatment is covered with no member cost through the end of the Public Health Emergency
- In-network COVID-19 hospital care costs are waived through Sept. 30, 2021
 - This includes copays, co-insurance and deductibles. This coverage applies to all fully insured groups, individual, Medicare and Medicaid members. Self-insured employers can also choose to waive member cost sharing for inpatient hospital services.
- Telehealth/virtual health services are expanded through July 31, 2021
- Prior authorization requirements are waived through July 31, 2021

For ongoing updates, review the [COVID-19: Updates & Frequently Asked Questions](#) and visit the [COVID-19 Resources for Employers webpage](#).

[View COVID-19 vaccine coverage and availability.](#)

New payment functionality in Employer eServices

Client Master Administrators (CMAs) can now set up their own bank account information and make one-time payments or recurring ACH payments, also referred to as Scheduled Direct Debit, through the Employer eServices billing portal. CMAs can also grant online payment permissions to other users in the organization. Previously, a separate form was required to set up and make changes to online payments in Employer eServices.

Online payment options

- To make a one-time payment: Select *Add Pay Online Payment Method*
- To set up recurring payments: Select *Add Scheduled Direct Debit Payment Method*

Invoices Close Window

Search Invoices ▾ Payment History **Payment Method** Notifications Bill vs Paid Help System Alerts 1

Payment Method List

Customer Name TESTMTKPP Customer Number MTK300001

Add Pay Online Payment Method
Add Scheduled Direct Debit Payment Method

There are no payment methods to display.

Make a one-time payment
Schedule ACH payments

Upcoming webinar: COVID-19 and returning to the workplace

As COVID-19 vaccine rates continue to increase and restrictions continue to lift, it's important for employers to develop and implement safety precautions to allow for a safe and supportive return to the workplace for employees. Join Medica and Hennepin Healthcare May 25, 2021 for a discussion about a safe return to the workplace as well as the latest medically-based information on COVID-19.

Topics will include:

- The current state of the COVID-19 virus
 - Trends
 - Viral variants and implications
- COVID-19 vaccines
 - Current versions and efficacy
 - Future vaccines, including: prenatal, pediatric and booster vaccines
- Employer-based testing
 - Why test?
 - Frequency & other considerations
- Returning to the workplace
 - Employee concerns
 - Recommended guidelines
 - Other considerations
- COVID-19 myths

Topic	Date	Register
COVID-19 and returning to the workplace	Tuesday, May 25, 2021 (8-9 A.M.)	Register now.

Omada offers personalized support to help reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes and heart disease

Conditions like hypertension, prediabetes, and high cholesterol impact nearly half of all American adults. With Omada®, at-risk adult members can get the help they need to proactively manage their health and work towards positive outcomes. The Omada for Prevention program is designed to help participants lose weight, build strategies for healthy eating, activity, sleep and stress management, and reduce their risk for type 2 diabetes and heart disease. Omada's published studies demonstrate maintenance of successful outcomes and a significant reduction in risk for type 2 diabetes, stroke and heart disease.*

Omada for Prevention is a standard offering for large fully insured and max liability plans upon 2021 renewal. The program is a buy-up option for self-insured groups. For employees and their adult dependents at risk for type 2 diabetes or heart disease and enrolled in a Medica health plan, Omada is available to them at no cost.

For large fully insured groups and max liability plans, with renewal dates on or after Jan. 1, 2021, materials are available to share with your employees. Visit the [2021 Worksite Wellness Toolkit](#) (click on the May topic) or share the materials below. (Self-insured groups work directly with their Medica representative on materials.)

[Omada for Prevention member flier.](#)
[View the two-minute video.](#)

**Su W, Chen F, Dall TM, Iacobucci W, Perreault L. Return on Investment for Digital Behavioral Counseling in Patients With Prediabetes and Cardiovascular Disease. Prev Chronic Dis 2016;13:E13. Study funded by Omada Health; Omada Health had no role in the study/model design and data analysis. Outcomes reflect participants who were enrolled in the Omada program for at least 16 weeks. Actual results may vary based on age, gender and other individual and demographic factors.*

Member topic of the month: Medica CallLink®

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

The topic this month is Medica CallLink, which offers members immediate phone access to experienced advisors and nurses who can answer health questions and provide support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

[View the CallLink member flier.](#)

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