



## COVID-19: Commercial Plan Waivers

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The Families First Coronavirus Response Act ([P.L. 116-127](#)) requires private health plans to provide coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing, including the cost of a provider, urgent care center and emergency room visits in order to receive testing at no cost to the consumer. Outlined below are some additional steps plans have announced related to COVID-19:

- **Aetna** announced that it would [waive commercial plan members' cost-sharing for inpatient admissions](#) related to COVID-19 through June 1, 2020. Click [here](#) for Aetna's FAQs for Providers.
- Through May 31, 2020 **Cigna** announced it is waiving:
  - cost-sharing for the COVID-19 diagnostic test when recommended by a health care professional
  - cost-sharing for office visits related to COVID-19 testing
  - cost-sharing for telehealth screenings for COVID-19
  - prior authorizations for the transfer of its non-COVID-19 customers from acute inpatient hospitals to in-network LTACHs. Applies to Cigna commercial and Medicare Advantage plans. Cigna has also waived prior authorizations for the transfer of its patients to other in-network subacute facilities, including skilled nursing facilities and acute rehab centers.

Click [here](#) for details.

- Through May 31, 2020, **UnitedHealthcare** announced it will:
  - Suspend prior authorization requirements to a post-acute care setting;
  - Suspend prior authorization requirements when a member transfers to a new provider through May 31, 2020
  - continue to waive cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing provided at approved locations in accordance with the CDC guidelines.
  - Waive cost-sharing for COVID-19 testing related visits, whether the care is received in a physician's office, a telehealth visit, an urgent care center or an emergency department.
  - Go to [www.UHCprovider.com](http://www.UHCprovider.com) for details.