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Provider Alert

To: Sharp Health Plan Providers and Provider Office Staff
From: Sharp Health Plan
Date: January 5, 2021
Subject: COVID-19 Cost Share Waiver Extended Further to January 31

Attention Provider Partner:

This notice contains important information as a follow-up to the Provider Alert we sent to your office on October 29, 2020. Sharp Health Plan is further extending its cost-sharing waivers for medically necessary COVID-19 screening, testing and treatment services to January 31, 2021.

No cost for COVID-19 screening, testing and treatment services through January 31

- Sharp Health Plan has eliminated member cost-sharing for all medically necessary:
 - COVID-19 screening and testing for commercial patients (group, individual & Covered California).
 - COVID-19 testing for Medicare patients.
 - COVID-19 treatment services received April 1 – January 31, 2021 for COVID-19 diagnostic treatment.
- Interim coding guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is available at sharphealthplan.com/covid19coding. Claims submitted using these codes will be processed with no cost-share for your patients.

Cost sharing includes, but is not limited to, copays, deductibles and coinsurance. Medically necessary screening and testing for COVID-19 includes hospital (including emergency department), urgent care, and provider office visits for the purpose of screening and/or testing for COVID-19.

We are continuing to monitor and follow guidance from all state and federal agencies and local public health officials. We will continue to update our COVID-19 resource center online as we receive new information and guidance. Please visit sharphealthplan.com/for-providers/covid19 for the latest information.

Sincerely,

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