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## BCBSIL Waives Member Cost-sharing for COVID-19 Treatment

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) is **waiving member cost-sharing**, including deductibles, copayments and coinsurance, **related to treatment for COVID-19**. The waiver applies to costs associated with COVID-19 treatment at in-network facilities and treatment for out-of-network emergencies.

The new policy applies to BCBSIL members of:

- Fully insured group plans
- Individual and family plan
- Medicare (excluding Part D plans)
- Medicare Supplement
- Medicaid

**We are also offering this to self-insured customers. For details on that decision, along with the decision deadline, please see our [April 3 news alert](#).**

Our policy is effective for treatment received **April 1 through May 31, 2020**. BCBSIL will reassess this policy as circumstances warrant.



Other changes announced by BCBSIL in response to COVID-19 during this public health emergency include:


- Expanding access to telehealth coverage
- Waiving preauthorization and members' cost-sharing for testing to diagnose COVID-19
- Lifting restrictions on early prescription fills
- Lifting cost-sharing for in-network medically necessary services delivered via telemedicine
- Waiving prior authorization requirements for transfers to in-network, alternative post-acute facilities until April 30, 2020
- Launching a dedicated [COVID-19 educational website](#) so members can easily access information and resources around COVID-19
- Opening a special-enrollment period for commercial group account customers
- Launching the COVID-19 Collaborative Grant Fund to provide resources and support to those most impacted by the pandemic

For the latest information on BCBSIL's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and other information and tips to stay healthy, please visit our [bcbsil.com/covid-19](https://bcbsil.com/covid-19).



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