

## **AmeriHealth New Jersey statement on testing and treatment for coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**Cranbury, NJ, March 7, 2020** — AmeriHealth New Jersey is committed to ensuring that our members have access to the care they need, at the right time, and in the right setting. As coronavirus (COVID-19) has escalated into a serious global health threat, we are working to make sure that our members can receive appropriate testing and treatment for this virus if needed.

### **Testing**

AmeriHealth New Jersey will cover and waive cost-sharing (such as co-pays and coinsurance) for the COVID-19 test when performed at a hospital or an approved laboratory. This includes members enrolled in our fully insured plans, employer-sponsored plans and the individual and family plans available through the Affordable Care Act. Self-funded plans will be able to opt-out of this program.

Given that the test is new and specific billing codes for commercially available tests were only recently designated, members should report any concerns about claim payment to our customer service staff at the number on their member card. At this time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state labs currently performing the testing are not billing for COVID-19 testing, so members should not incur costs when tested by these labs.

If members have any questions about whether they should be tested, they should contact a health care professional who will work with the state public health department in the member's state and the CDC to determine if they need to be tested for COVID-19.

### **Treatment**

At this time, there is no specific antiviral treatment or vaccine for COVID-19. Members should receive care from their doctor to help relieve symptoms as they would other viral respiratory infections. AmeriHealth New Jersey continues to cover medically necessary health care costs to treat infectious diseases, including COVID-19, based on the terms of the member's insurance plan.

To help reduce potential exposure, AmeriHealth New Jersey also encourages members to utilize telemedicine services if they are available as part of a member's plan. To encourage use of these services, AmeriHealth New Jersey will waive member cost share where applicable for telemedicine visits for the next 90 days. To access telemedicine options, members should login to our [member website](https://www.amerihealthnj.com) at [amerihealthnj.com](https://www.amerihealthnj.com).

If our members would like information about specific symptoms they are experiencing or have questions about their personal health, we recommend that they contact their doctor. For reliable information about the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), we suggest visiting the CDC website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

We encourage all AmeriHealth New Jersey members to visit [amerihealthnj.com](https://www.amerihealthnj.com) regularly for the latest news and updates. We will continue to evaluate member needs as the situation changes.

### **About AmeriHealth New Jersey**

For more than 25 years AmeriHealth New Jersey\* has been dedicated to enhancing the health and well-being of the people and communities we serve. Our members are at the center of everything we do. Since the onset of the Affordable Care Act, we have been committed to offering health plans on the Individual Marketplace, which has expanded access to coverage for New Jersey residents. We are

exclusively focused on New Jersey with plans designed to meet the unique needs of individuals, small- and mid-sized businesses, municipalities and boards of education across the state. We also provide administrative services to self-funded groups. Named one of the Best Places to Work for the past nine years, AmeriHealth New Jersey is located in Cranbury, NJ. For more information, visit [amerihealthnj.com](http://amerihealthnj.com).

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