



EGYPTIAN AREA SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

DATE: April 8, 2020

TO: All Egyptian Trust Covered Members

RE: Plan Coverage Update for COVID-19 Treatments

Visit our website at <http://www.egtrust.org/> to read the Spring 2020 newsletter and view other important information regarding your Egyptian Trust benefits.

The Egyptian Trust continues to closely monitor activity around COVID-19 and remains committed to assisting members through these uncertain times. In response, effective April 1, 2020, all Trust health plans (including HSA-qualified High Deductible Health Plans) will cover COVID-19 treatment with no cost share. This cost share waiver will apply to treatment of COVID-19 received April 1 – May 31, 2020 at network facilities and treatment for non-network emergencies. Your normal cost share, such as office visit copays or deductible and coinsurance will be waived to prevent barriers to accessing necessary care should you or your covered family members need it.

As a reminder, previously announced benefit enhancements in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency include:

- Testing to diagnose COVID-19 covered with no member cost share;
- All telehealth visits with a BCBS network PPO provider, including behavioral health services, are covered with no member cost share (in effect through April 30th).

We will continue to monitor this situation and will provide further updates when necessary.

Per CDC recommendations, if you develop symptoms such as fever, cough, and/or difficulty breathing, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19, or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19, please stay home and call your healthcare provider. Older patients and individuals who have severe underlying medical conditions or are immunocompromised should contact their healthcare provider early, even if their illness is mild. If you have severe symptoms, such as persistent pain or pressure in your chest, new confusion or inability to arouse, or bluish lips or face, contact your healthcare provider to seek care immediately. Your doctor will determine if you have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and whether you should be tested.

For more information on COVID-19 please visit the following website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

If you have any questions concerning your health plan benefits, please contact a BCBSIL Benefits Value Advisor (BVA) Customer Service Representative at 855-686-8517 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST.