



EGYPTIAN AREA SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST

DATE: April 1, 2023

TO: All Egyptian Trust Covered Members

RE: COVID Public Health Emergency Expiration & Coverage Updates

Continue to visit our website at <http://www.egtrust.org> to view important information regarding your Egyptian Trust benefits.

Effective **May 11, 2023**, the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will be allowed to expire. Below is confirmation of how Trust health plans will cover COVID related services after this expiration:

- **COVID Vaccines** will be covered at the appropriate Network or Non-Network **preventive** benefit level.
- **COVID Testing from Medical Provider** will be covered at the appropriate Network or Non-Network diagnostic testing benefit level. Testing must be medically necessary, consistent with CDC guidance, and at the direction of a physician.
- **COVID Over-The-Counter (OTC) at Home Tests** will **NOT** be covered by the health plans.
- **COVID Treatment** will continue to be covered at the appropriate Network or Non-Network benefit level. Member cost share, such as office visits copays or deductible and coinsurance, will apply based on the place of service.
- **Telehealth Visits** with network providers will continue to be covered with normal member cost share, such as office visit copays or deductible and coinsurance. Telehealth visits are services provided via phone or video conference, replacing an in-person office visit with a medical provider.
 - **NOTE:** *The above Telehealth visit benefit should not be confused with the Trust's separate **Teladoc** option, which provides similar services at no cost to participating members. **Teladoc** is under direct contract with the Trust and is not connected to BCBS. Members who wish to utilize Teladoc should register by following the instructions found on the Trust website at <https://www.egtrust.org/medical-benefits/teladoc/>.*

See previously posted Trust notices at <https://www.egtrust.org/covid-19-updates/> for information on how COVID services throughout the pandemic were covered by Trust health plans.

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.