COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Medicaid Recipients

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1. QUESTION  How do I apply for Medicaid?

   ANSWER  You can apply for Medicaid by contacting Division of Welfare and Supportive Services at https://dwss.nv.gov/, then click on the ‘Access Nevada’ link.

   With questions about your application or to make changes to your account or request a card, contact your local Welfare and Supportive Services office at (702) 486-1646 for Southern Nevada or (775) 684-7200 for Northern Nevada areas.

   You can also apply for other health care coverage at Nevada Health Link:  www.nevadahealthlink.com or www.exchange.nv.gov or call (800) 847-2927.

2. QUESTION  Does Nevada Medicaid cover the COVID-19 diagnostic test or the serology antibody test?  (Updated)

   ANSWER  Yes, Nevada Medicaid covers both tests.  Nevada Medicaid also covers COVID-19 medical assessments such as a doctor’s visit and chest x-rays if needed to assist in a COVID diagnosis.

3. QUESTION  I have a positive COVID-19 test result and need additional medical services.  What services does Nevada Medicaid cover for COVID-19?  (New Question)

   ANSWER  Many medically necessary services are a covered benefit of Nevada Medicaid.  If you have fallen ill from COVID-19 and need additional medical services outside of a doctor’s visit, testing, or chest x-rays, Nevada Medicaid may cover services such as behavioral health, durable medical equipment and supplies, emergency transportation, home health, hospice, hospital care, non-emergency transportation, pharmacy, physician services, radiology, nursing facilities, telehealth, therapies, or other medically necessary services.

   Please note, if you only have the new COVID-19 Temporary coverage with Nevada Medicaid, this only covers services surrounding COVID-19 testing.  This includes a doctor’s assessment, COVID-19 diagnostic or serology tests, and chest x-rays to assist in the diagnosis.  This plan does not cover any COVID-19 treatment services.

4. QUESTION  I have questions about COVID-19 and where to be tested. Who do I contact?  (Updated)

   ANSWER  Call Nevada’s COVID-19 Hot Line at (800) 860-0620 (M-F 7:00 AM-7:00 PM) or please call Nevada 211 by dialing 2-1-1 (available 24/7).  There is also information online at http://dhcfp.nv.gov/covid19 or https://NVhealthresponse.nv.gov.  For information on COVID-19, you can visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at www.cdc.gov.
5. QUESTION Will all Medicaid services still be covered?

   ANSWER Yes, all services covered under your Medicaid health plan will continue. For coverage questions, please see contacts listed in question #7 below.

6. QUESTION Will Nevada Medicaid cover the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available? (New Question)

   ANSWER Yes, this vaccine will be covered.

7. QUESTION I have a question about my Medicaid coverage and/or benefits. Who can I contact?

   ANSWER Please call your local Nevada Medicaid office at:
   - Carson City - (775) 684-3651
   - Elko - (775) 753-1191
   - Las Vegas – (702) 668-4200
   - Reno - (775) 687-1900

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   If you are in a Managed Care Plan (MCO) – Please call your plan at:
   - Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield – (844) 396-2329
   - Health Plan of Nevada – (800) 962-8074
   - Silver Summit Health Plan – (844) 366-2880
   - Liberty Dental – (866) 609-0418.

8. QUESTION I have Medicare, who do I contact?

   ANSWER You can visit their website at www.Medicare.gov or call (800) 633-4227.

9. QUESTION My child(ren) is on Nevada Check-Up and I need to make an immediate payment. How do I do this?

   ANSWER Please mail payments to the following address:
   - Nevada Check-Up
   - P.O. Box 847346
   - Los Angeles, CA 90084-7346

   For Nevada Check-Up billing questions, please call (775) 684-3660.

10. QUESTION I have a doctor’s appointment scheduled for something unrelated to COVID-19. Can I still attend?

    ANSWER Please contact your provider for information regarding the status of any scheduled appointments.

11. QUESTION Is Non-Emergency Transportation still operating?

    ANSWER Yes, Non-Emergency Transportation is still available to Nevada Medicaid recipients seeing an enrolled Medicaid provider. Contact MTM at (844) 879-7341.
12. QUESTION  I receive Personal Care Services or Home Health services. Are those still available to me?

ANSWER  Please contact your Personal Care Agency or Home Health Provider to see if they are still providing services. If your current provider is unable to manage your care at this time, please contact your primary health care provider for recommendations. If you still need assistance, please call the Medicaid office in your area at:

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13. QUESTION  I attend Adult Day Health Care. Can I still attend?

ANSWER  Please contact your Adult Day Health Care Provider to make sure they are open. Only attend if you are feeling well.

14. QUESTION  My family member is in a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility. Can I visit them?

ANSWER  It is up to each Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) to direct patient care. Please call the Hospital or SNF to see what restrictions they have at this time.