COVID-19 UPDATES

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced an extension of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19 through to 1/21/2021.

MUST will continue to reassess this policy as circumstances warrant.

Other MUST changes in response to COVID-19 during this public health emergency include:

- **TREATMENT**—Waiving preauthorization and members’ cost-sharing, including deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance, related to treatment for COVID-19 received 4/1/2020 through 12/31/2020. The waiver applies to costs associated with COVID-19 treatment at in-network facilities and treatment for out-of-network emergencies.

- **COVID TESTING**—MUST is waiving your share of the costs for COVID-19 testing and testing-related visits until the end of the Health and Human Services COVID-19 public health emergency order. This means: Lab tests to diagnose COVID-19 are covered at no cost. Rapid testing is also covered.

- **TELEMEDICINE**—
  - Expanded coverage to include audio only telemedicine visits continued through 12/31/2020
  - Cost-sharing waiver for in-network medically necessary services delivered via telemedicine through 12/31/2020

- **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**—Extending approvals on services with existing prior authorizations until 12/31/2020. This applies to services that were originally approved or scheduled between 1/1/2020 and 6/30/2020 (previously 4/1/2020). This is for most non-emergent, elective surgeries, procedures, therapies and home visits.

- **COVID-19 PREVENTION SERVICES** (update 11/2/2020)
  - MUST members can access qualifying coronavirus preventive services on the expedited basis without any costsharing for qualifying coronavirus preventive services delivered by an in-network or out-of-network provider. This is effective until the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) as determined by the HHS Secretary.

For the latest information on MUST response to the COVID-19 pandemic, other information and tips to stay healthy, please visit the MUST website at www.mustbenefits.org, or follow our Facebook page @mustbenefits.

Stay safe and healthy!
The MUST Team

Please let us know if you have any questions and how we can help!

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