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**Subject: SEHP COVID-19**

The Health Plan data shows the claims expenses are returning closer to normal or slightly above normal since the reduction during the month of April and early May.

The State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) continues to provide these benefits related to COVID-19.

* Medically necessary diagnostic tests that are consistent with CDC guidance related to the COVID-19 at no cost share to member, where it is not covered as part of the Public Health Service response.
* The SEHP will allow early refills on 30 or 90-day prescription medications and/or allow members to use their mail order benefit.
* Given the nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, seeking in-person medical care has the potential to further spread the virus. The SEHP partners with Aetna and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas to provide Telehealth services with a virtual doctor’s office. There is 24/7/365 access to this service. The member cost share will be waived for any Telehealth service.
  + Aetna members: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/sehp/vendors/Aetna.htm
  + BlueCross Blue Shield members: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/sehp/vendors/BCBSKS.htm
* The HealthQuest Health Center, available to members enrolled in the health plan, is located at 901 S. Kansas Ave., Topeka
* Phone screening is recommended before going to the center: 785-783-4080
* COVID-19 testing is available at the HealthQuest Health Center for State of Kansas employees. Curbside testing will be available at the center by **appointment only**.

<https://my.marathon-health.com/#!/Home/Login>

The COVID-19 testing as outlined above within the first bullet point requires the coordination of the provider's office who submits the initial claim along with Aetna and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS) to process the claim for the member. As this is new territory for everyone since March 2020, the Health Plan is working with Aetna and BCBSKS to communicate with the provider community to help insure that claims are submitted and processed correctly for members. The information provided below is for the period March 1, 2020 thru August 1, 2020 for AETNA AND BCBSKS:

**Total Unique Claims\* 5,423\***

**Total Billed Charges $701,767**

**Total Paid Amount $517,019**

**Total Contractual Provider Write-offs $184,748**

**Total Member Responsibility $0**

CODES Included (4 additional codes added since last report):

* 86769 Antibody, Respiratory, COVID Syndrome
* 87635 Infectious Agent Detection, Acute Respiratory; COVID Testing
* C9803 HOPD COVID-19 Specimen Collection
* G2023 Specimen Collection; COVID; Acute Respiratory Symptoms
* U0001 CDC 2019 Novel Coronavirus-PCR Diagnosis Panel
* U0002 2019-NCOV-COVID 2/2019; Any Technique; multiple types and/or sub-types testing
* U0003 Infectious Agent Detection; DNA or RNA; Severe Acute Respiratory Symptoms/Syndrome
* U0004 NCOV; Coronavirus/SARS-2/2019 (COVID-19); Any technique; multiple types or sub-types test
* 86318 Immuno-Assessment for infectious agent; antibody test; qualitative single-step method
* 0202U Infectious Disease (Bacterial or Respiratory tract infection)
* 86328 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome-Coronavirus
* 87426 Infectious Agent Antigen Detection by Immuno Assessment Technique
* G2024 Specimen Collection for Severe Respiratory Syndrome-COVID from individual in a SNF

\*Unique Claims could be the same member receiving multiple tests at different times (i.e., member had COVID-19 testing done in March, and then again in June)

NOTE: There have been three claims submitted by providers outside these codes, resulting in member cost share. BCBSKS worked with the member and the providers and reprocessed these claims with no cost share to members.