



State of Tennessee Group Insurance Program

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The Tennessee Plan Member,

You may have heard that the federal public health emergency for COVID-19 is expiring at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. This message explains how the end of the public health emergency will impact your benefits provided through The Tennessee Plan.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, temporary modifications to health plan benefits were made to help promote easier access to COVID-19 treatments and care. **Beginning May 12, 2023, these temporary benefits are ending.**

The benefit changes are outlined below.

For members of The Tennessee Plan (Supplemental Medical Insurance for Retirees with Medicare)	
Current Temporary COVID-19 Benefit	Benefit going forward as of May 12, 2023
1. Waiver of Part B deductible expenses incurred by members for telehealth visits related to COVID-19.	Normal member cost share will apply to all telehealth visits.
2. Access to free over the counter COVID-19 tests.	Normal member cost share will apply.
<p>What is NOT changing at this time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare enrollees will continue to have access to COVID-19 vaccinations without cost sharing. • Traditional Medicare enrollees can continue to receive COVID-19 PCR and antigen tests with no cost sharing when certain criteria are met. • No change in coverage of treatments for those exposed to COVID-19 once the public health emergency ends, and in cases where cost sharing and deductibles apply now, they will continue to apply. • For more information about Medicare coverage visit www.cms.gov. 	



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This information is also available on the ParTNers for Health website at <https://www.tn.gov/partnersforhealth/covid-19-resources.html>. You may also access this information via the QR code below:



If you have questions about your benefits contact UMR at 888-477-9307, M – F, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., CT, or review <https://go.umar.com/tennessee>.

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