

# MEDICAID INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## 22-48 COVID-19 Services for the Uninsured

Effective March 1, 2022, through the end of the public health emergency, the following COVID-19 services or treatments are covered for Utah’s uninsured individuals and should be billed to the Utah Medicaid fee for service program:

- COVID-19 Vaccines and Administration:
  - Pfizer-BioNTech
  - Moderna
  - Janssen

For additional information, see the [November Interim MIB](#)

- COVID-19 Antivirals:
  - Paxlovid (Nirmatrelvir)
  - Molnupiravir
- COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibodies:
  - Bamlanivimab injection
  - Etesevimab injection
  - Sotrovimab injection
  - Casirivimab injection
  - Imdevimab injection
  - Bebtelovimab injection

Unless otherwise noted, all changes take effect on May 1, 2022

This coverage is in addition to COVID-19 diagnostic testing and testing-related services which has been covered for uninsured individuals since June 1, 2020. Covered services include COVID-19 testing, as well as serological tests to determine the presence of the virus antibodies. Related services covered include the administration of the test and evaluations related to testing, such as x-rays.

Covered testing services also include FDA-approved at-home COVID-19 testing products. Covered at-home COVID-19 testing products include those tests where a specimen is collected at home and then sent to a clinical laboratory, or other certified testing site for testing, in addition to those entirely performed at home. Members can get at-home COVID-19 tests, or home collection test kits, via prescriptions at pharmacies through the Medicaid point-of-sale system. Members are limited to eight per month.

Uninsured individuals are eligible for the COVID-19 uninsured coverage without regard to income or assets. To qualify, an individual must be uninsured and meet citizenship and Utah residency requirements. Individuals are considered uninsured if they are not enrolled in another federal health care program, such as Medicare or Veterans Health Administration coverage, or a commercial group or individual health plan.

Individuals may apply online at <https://medicaid.utah.gov/covid-19-uninsured-testing-coverage/>. A representative from the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) will determine eligibility. A decision will be made within 2-3 business days and the individual will receive notification of the decision. If approved, coverage begins on the first day of the application month. The individual will receive a Medicaid card within a few days of the approval. The application also serves as a full Medicaid and/or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) application, unless the person opts-out. It may take up to 30 days for a decision to be made. If the individual does not qualify for Medicaid or CHIP, the COVID-19 uninsured coverage will continue until the last day of the month in which the public health emergency ends. If the individual qualifies for Medicaid or CHIP, the individual will receive enhanced medical coverage through a regular Medicaid or CHIP program, which includes COVID-19 testing and treatment.

For current billing guidance, please visit <https://medicaid.utah.gov/covid-19/>.

## 22-49 Nursing Facility and ICF/ID Claims Billing

As a reminder, nursing facilities and ICF/IDs should not be billing a single date of service at the line level for room and board revenue codes. The line date of service must be a range of dates if billing more than one unit/day for room and board revenue codes. When billing electronically, the date(s) of service can be submitted at the header. It is not necessary to report line date(s) of service, unless it is different from the header date(s) of service.

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## 22-50 UTA Transit Cards

The Utah Transit Authority (UTA) has been a Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) option for Medicaid members for several years. Effective July 1, 2022, UTA will no longer accept paper punch passes, and will instead accept an electronic UTA Transit Card issued by Medicaid. Medicaid will be issuing UTA Transit Cards to all qualifying members who currently have a UTA paper punch pass and qualifying members who request an electronic UTA Transit Card up until June 24, 2022.

Members who need a UTA Transit Card after this date will be able to request one on MyBenefits (<https://mybenefits.utah.gov>), or by calling a Health Program Representative (HPR) at 1-844-238-3091. It is important to note that with the switch from paper passes to cards, members will not be receiving a new card each month. Instead, members will use the same UTA Transit Card for as long as they are eligible for Traditional Medicaid. As such, it is important that this card is not lost, stolen, or damaged.

UTA Transit Cards may only be used for medically necessary appointments with Medicaid providers and will grant members access to local bus, TRAX, and streetcar routes. UTA Transit Cards are available for Traditional Medicaid members who live within the service areas of UTA and who do not have access to a working, personal vehicle. Medicaid members are limited to 30 rides per month.

Children 5 years of age or younger do not need a UTA Transit Card to use UTA services. \*Parents or legal guardians of children age 17 and younger are eligible for a UTA Transit Card in order to ride with their children. There will be a limit of two parent/guardian cards per household.

Members who require assistance during transportation for medical reasons may be authorized to have an attendant.

- Attendants do not need cards as long as they are accompanying a member who is authorized to have an attendant.
  - Members who are authorized to have an attendant will have that designated on their UTA Transit Card with the words, "Attendant: yes".
  - Only one attendant is allowed to ride with a member at any given time. A second attendant would be required to pay their own UTA fare.
  - Attendants riding alone, without a member, must pay their own UTA fare.
  - \*If a member is 5 years of age or younger, and has a disability that qualifies them for an attendant, they will be eligible to receive a UTA Transit Card which will allow an attendant to ride with the member. Note that children 5 years of age or younger otherwise do not need a UTA Transit Card to use UTA services.
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## 22-51 Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires state Medicaid agencies and their enrolled home health care services providers to come into compliance with federal regulations for Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) by January 1, 2023. Failure to do so will result in loss of federal funds for Medicaid.

In order to demonstrate EVV compliance, Utah Medicaid requires that providers complete the [EVV Readiness Survey](#) in its entirety by June 6, 2022. The survey is intended to verify EVV readiness and allow for time to train and test data transmission methods.

Because non-compliance with EVV requirements results in a decrease in the amount of federal Medicaid funding the State receives, beginning September 1, 2022, Utah Medicaid will withhold payments to providers who fail to complete the survey. Additionally, if a provider has still not come into compliance with EVV requirements by January 1, 2023, the provider will no longer be eligible to perform Medicaid home health care services and may ultimately be disenrolled.

To access EVV requirements, user guides, and technical information, please visit the website at <https://medicaid.utah.gov/evv>. Additional questions regarding EVV may be sent to [dmhf\\_evv@utah.gov](mailto:dmhf_evv@utah.gov).

## 22-52 Online Provider Manuals Upgrade

The Utah Medicaid Provider Manuals and attachments will have a new appearance and functionality in July 2022. Providers will be able to navigate through all of the manuals within a fully-searchable web-based directory. The manuals will be easily printable and downloadable. Direct links to the new manuals directory and the archives will be provided in the July 2022 MIB.