

COVID-19 Uninsured Testing Coverage FOR PROVIDERS



Utah Medicaid is covering COVID-19-related diagnostic testing and services for uninsured individuals. Coverage for the new COVID-19 testing group is effective on or after June 1, 2020 through the duration of the public health emergency. 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, evaluations that result in a test, and other diagnostic tools used to evaluate for COVID-19 such as x-rays. Submitted claims for this program may be subject to post-payment audit review.

Enrollment

Uninsured individuals are eligible for the new "COVID-19 Uninsured Testing Coverage" without regard to income or assets. To qualify, an individual must be uninsured, meet citizenship/eligible non-citizenship requirements, 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. With the exception that those enrolled in short-term limited duration plans do qualify as "uninsured" for the new group. The new Medicaid coverage group also excludes people who are eligible for a mandatory Medicaid group.

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 two to three 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.

An individual may request coverage for COVID-19-related diagnostic testing and testing services received prior to the eligibility start date, but no sooner than June 1, 2020. Any testing dates should be listed on the application.

The application also serves as a full Medicaid application, unless the person opts-out. After UDOH makes a decision on the eligibility for COVID-19 Uninsured Testing Coverage, the application will be sent to the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) who determines Medicaid or CHIP eligibility. The application will be sent to DWS even if the individual was denied for COVID-19 Uninsured Testing Coverage. It may take up to 30 days for a decision to be made.

If the individual(s) does not qualify for Medicaid, the COVID-19 Uninsured Testing 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 COVID-19

Uninsured Testing Coverage will end but the individual will receive enhanced medical coverage through a regular Medicaid or CHIP program which includes COVID-19 testing and treatment.

Emergency Medicaid Provider Enrollment

If you have an emergency request please contact the Provider Enrollment Team at providerenroll@utah.gov. Please put COVID-19 as the subject line. Your request should include provider name, NPI, a detailed statement regarding the emergency request, and call back information. A Provider Enrollment Team member with additional instructions will contact you.

In preparation for the June 29, 2020 update to the Provider Enrollment component of PRISM, the system will be unavailable between May 14 and June 28, 2020. Medicaid is unable to accept any new provider enrollment applications or modifications during this period. We will however, accept enrollments or modifications related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Email debiwalker@utah.gov or sdmoore@utah.gov for instructions during the dates above.

For the duration of the national emergency, Utah Medicaid has taken the following actions as allowed by the Utah 1135 Waiver:

The following requirements are temporarily waived:

- Application fees pursuant to 42 CFR §455.460
- Criminal background checks associated with fingerprint-based Criminal Background Checks pursuant to 42 C.F.R §455.434
- Site visits pursuant to 42 C.F.R §455.432
- Screening levels pursuant to 42 CFR §424.518
- In-state/territory licensure requirements 42 C.F.R §455.412
- Disclosures and disclosure statements pursuant to 42 CFR §455.104
- Revalidation/Re-credentialing – Utah Medicaid will temporarily cease the revalidation of and waive provider renewal requirements during this state of emergency
- Site visits – Utah Medicaid will waive requirements for site visits designated as 'moderate' or 'high' categorical risks to the Medicaid program
- Out-of-state Providers – Utah Medicaid will temporarily waive requirements that out-of-state providers be licensed in Utah when they are licensed by another state Medicaid agency or by Medicare, if a provider is enrolled with another state's Medicaid program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How should providers bill for these services?

A: Providers should append the CR modifier to all COVID-19 testing and testing related services. For specific Medicaid code coverage details, please see the Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement Lookup Tool online:

<https://health.utah.gov/stplan/lookup/CoverageLookup.php>

Q: Isn't COVID-19 testing already free?

A: Health care providers who have conducted COVID-19 testing or provided treatment for uninsured individuals on or after February 4, 2020, have been able to submit claims reimbursement through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). However, HRSA is the payer of last resort and is subject to available funding. Utah's new Medicaid reimbursement program, now available through the end of the public health emergency period for testing and testing related services, offers enhanced funding and is not restricted by a finite federal budget.

Q: How does the reimbursement program from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for the uninsured for testing and treatment interact with the Medicaid option?

A: Health care providers who have conducted COVID-19 testing or provided treatment for uninsured individuals on or after February 4, 2020, can electronically request claims reimbursement through the program and will be reimbursed generally at Medicare rates, subject to available funding. Steps will involve enrolling as a provider participant, checking patient eligibility, submitting patient information, submitting claims electronically, and receiving payment via direct deposit.

The HRSA program is the **payer of last resort**, so for individuals that enroll in the Medicaid option from June 1 through the end of the public health emergency period claims for **testing and testing related services only** should be submitted to Medicaid. Claims for COVID-19 treatment and testing claims prior to June 1 should seek reimbursement from HRSA.

Program details can be found at <https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim>.

Q: What do I do if I have questions?

A: If you have additional questions, please call UDOH at 1-866-608-9422 or visit <https://medicaid.utah.gov/covid-19-uninsured-testing-coverage/>.