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New Temporary Uninsured Aid Category for COVID-19 Services

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved Nevada's request to add a new Uninsured Aid Category for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) services. This aid category is retroactive to dates of service on or after March 18, 2020, and approved to the end of the public health emergency.

In order to be eligible, the individual must meet the definition of "uninsured individual" and must not be covered by another health plan such as a federal health care program, including Nevada Check Up, Medicare, TRICARE, Veterans Administration (VA), federal employee health plan, a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered by a health insurance issuer including a qualified health plan through an Exchange, employer-sponsored health insurance, retiree health plans, or COBRA continuation coverage.

This aid category will be available in the Nevada Medicaid Electronic Verification System (EVS), by phone using the Automated Response System (ARS), or by using a swipe card vendor as **"COVID-19 Temporary."**

COVID-19 services are limited to:

- Evaluation and management assessments,
- Diagnostic and serology antibody testing, and
- Chest X-ray services.
- This does not include any provisions that would extend coverage for the treatment of COVID-19 to the uninsured.

This information has been added to the COVID-19 General Billing Guide and the COVID-19 Community-Based Billing Guide located at: <https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/providers/BillingInfo.aspx>.

Instructions for Uninsured Patients:

Providers who have uninsured patients that have been tested for COVID-19 may direct them to the following Access Nevada website to apply for COVID-19 testing and diagnostic services coverage: <https://accessnevada.dwss.nv.gov/public/landing-page> and click on the link "Click for COVID-19 Testing Coverage" at the top of the webpage. **This is not an application for full Nevada Medicaid coverage.** Patients must attest to residency, citizenship, Social Security Number (SSN), and that they have no other insurance or do not qualify for regular Medicaid.

When applying for this coverage, the applicant must complete the application in Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader and NOT use a default browser PDF-viewer within Chrome or Edge. The form can also be printed and completed. Submission and mailing instructions are located on the form.

Once the application is submitted and reviewed, a "Temporary Special Medicaid Program Notice of Decision" will be mailed to the applicant. For application questions, call Access Nevada at (800) 992-0900.