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COVID-19 UNWIND: COVID-19 Services for Uninsured Individuals

On November 21, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Nevada State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0013 which expanded coverage for uninsured individuals to cover COVID-19 testing (including over-the-counter tests), vaccines, and medically necessary treatment from March 11, 2021, to the last day of the public health emergency.

Effective May 15, 2023, the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) has been updated and claims for procedure codes for the following services for uninsured individuals will no longer deny.

- Evaluation and management assessments
- Diagnostic testing and serology antibody testing
- COVID-19 over-the-counter (OTC) tests authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Chest X-ray services
- COVID-19 vaccine administration
- All medically necessary treatment for COVID-19 such as emergency room, inpatient hospital services, medication, etc.

Please see the <u>COVID-19 General Billing Guide</u> for the applicable procedure codes and impacted provider types and provider specialties.

Claims for uninsured individuals for COVID-19 testing (including over-the-counter tests), vaccines, and medically necessary treatment procedure codes with dates of service on or after March 11, 2021, through May 11, 2023, that processed before May 15, 2023, and denied because the procedure codes were not in the MMIS for the appropriate eligibility population will be reprocessed automatically at a later date. A future remittance advice will report the results of any reprocessed claims.

When claims are reprocessed, please be aware that all system and clinical claim editor edits are applicable. As a result, there may be no additional payment, and other claim denials may be received. Providers have the right to appeal denied claims, including those denied upon reprocessing. Please refer to Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 100 and the Billing Manual for information concerning the claim appeal process and time frames.