



Provider communication
General information and system updates

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Members Diagnosed with Long Term COVID

Applicable To: Mercy Care Complete Care, Mercy Care DD, Mercy Care ACC-RBHA, Mercy Care Long Term Care and Mercy Care DCS CHP

Mercy Care would like to remind our provider network that we comply with AHCCCS requirements in covering the treatment and prevention of COVID-19, including Long Term COVID treatment.

Please see our State Plan Amendment (SPA) [AZ-22-0004](#) which describes our requirements to cover COVID-19 treatment, including Long COVID treatment.

These requirements are described on [page 4 of our SPA](#). The full list of treatment coverage requirements is below and treatment must meet these coverage standards:

- Includes any non-pharmacological item or service described in section 1905(a) of the Act, that is medically necessary for treatment of COVID-19;
- Includes any drug or biological that is approved (or licensed) by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) or authorized by the FDA under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to treat or prevent COVID-19, consistent with the applicable authorizations;
- Is provided without amount, duration or scope limitations that would otherwise apply when covered for purposes other than treatment or prevention of COVID-19;
- Is provided to all categorically needy eligibility groups covered by the state that receive full Medicaid benefits;
- Is provided to the optional COVID-19 group, if applicable; and
- Is provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing pursuant to section 1916(a)(2)(I) and 1916A(b)(3)(B)(xiii) of the Act; reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage is not reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise be applicable under the state plan.

Aside from protections under the ADA, this is also covered under the Biden Administration Fact Sheet [link](#) and under ARP (effective at least until the first calendar quarter one year after the end of the PHE (5/11/23)).

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