

Highmark Waives Deductibles, Co-Insurance, and Co-pays for In-Network, Inpatient Hospital Care for COVID-19 Treatment

This email is intended for producers in western Pennsylvania, central Pennsylvania, northeastern Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Delaware.

We wanted to make you aware that *effective immediately*, members who require in-network, inpatient hospital care for COVID-19 *will not* incur any deductibles, co-insurance and co-pays.

This applies to members with group employer coverage (self-funded groups may elect to opt into the program), as well as ACA and Medicare members.

If an ASO Clients Chooses to Opt-in

If an ASO client chooses to opt-in to COVID-19 Relief Program they must inform their Highmark Client Manager in writing of their intent to participate in the program by **5 p.m.** (Eastern Time) on Friday, April **10**, **2020**. If a client chooses to opt-in to the program, we will apply their decision retroactive to the effective date.

Highmark previously waived out-of-pocket costs for COVID-19 testing and telehealth, and is now doing the same for related inpatient hospitalization following a positive test.

The waiver will continue through May 31, 2020, as Highmark continues to monitor and evaluate the rapidly changing nature of this crisis.

Highmark has also expanded access to both in- and out-of-network teleaddiction services for members in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Delaware who are in addiction treatment and need immediate help without any out-of-pocket costs.