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Cost Sharing for COVID Related Expenses

Dear PEBP Member,

On December 2, 2021, the PEBP Board voted to restore cost sharing for COVID-19 related expenses beginning March 1, 2022. The following benefits will now be subject to cost sharing* (copayment, deductible, or coinsurance).

- **COVID-19 Surveillance Testing:** Although **diagnostic** testing continues to be covered at 100%, surveillance testing for COVID-19 will not be covered by PEBP plans. Surveillance testing is testing used for public health or social purposes such as employment (return to workplace or employer mandated testing), education, travel or entertainment.
- **COVID-19 Related Testing Visit:** COVID-19 testing related visits such as urgent care, emergency room, hospitalization, physician's office, telemedicine, and telehealth visits.
- **COVID-19 Treatment:** Treatment for confirmed patients with a COVID-19 diagnosis, including, but not limited to, formulary medications for the treatment of a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis; non-formulary medications covered without prior authorization in the event of a supply shortage.

For more information, please view a [recording of the Board Meeting](#) and the [Board Meeting notes](#) found on <https://pebp.state.nv.us> under Meetings and Events and Board Meetings.

*Cost sharing occurs when patients pay for a portion of health care costs not covered by health insurance. For COVID-19 treatment, cost sharing will be according to the members benefit plan. You will be responsible for any copay, coinsurance, deductible, or out-of-network costs.

Sincerely,

The Public Employees' Benefits Program